

Fenton Fire Protection District

Meeting of the Board of Directors

February 26, 2025

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A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fenton Fire Protection District (hereinafter called the "District") was held on Wednesday, February 26, 2025, originating at the Fenton Fire Protection District at Fire Station 2, at 1001 Assembly Parkway, Fenton, Missouri 63026.

Chairwoman Beth Viviano called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

The following Directors answered Roll Call:

Beth L. Viviano
Jennifer Grimes (via Zoom)
Tom Ascheman (via Zoom)

Also present was:

Romona Kaminski	District Chief
Chris McCarthy	District Assistant Chief
Chris Thiemann	Division Chief
Rick Rognan	District Accountant (via Zoom)
Connor Eastman	Creative Planning
John Medlock	Shift Representative
Brett Mueller	Pension Trustee
Daniel McLaughlin	Legal Counsel

Chairwoman Viviano ruled that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes from the regular and closed meeting held February 12, 2025, were presented and it was

Moved by Director Ascheman and seconded by Director Grimes to approve the minutes of February 12, 2025. Motion approved and unanimously carried 3-0.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Chief Kaminski presented the Board with the bills for review and payment, which totaled \$668,585.17. After discussion, it was

Moved by Director Ascheman and seconded by Director Grimes to approve the bills for payment and ratification. Motion approved and unanimously carried 3-0.

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TREASURER’S REPORT

Chief Kaminski presented the Board with the Treasurer’s Report on balances of account, deposits, payments, and transfers for the General, Ambulance, Dispatch, Pension, Capital Projects 2022, Debt Service, HRA and FSA Funds.

Simmons

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Balance as of 2/12/25</u>	<u>Balance as of 2/26/25</u>
General	\$22,490,043.12	\$26,534,175.14
Ambulance	\$10,339,402.52	\$11,378,318.82
Dispatch	\$ 1,123,055.73	\$ 1,310,501.25
Pension	\$ 631,008.85	\$ 1,004,039.73
Capital Projects		
2022	\$ 713,766.26	\$ 409,222.01
Debt Services	\$ 2,602,574.87	\$ 3,401,557.15
HRA	\$ 2,840.96	\$ 2,840.96
FSA	\$ 20,634.18	\$ 21,987.40

After discussion, it was

Moved by Director Ascherman and seconded by Director Grimes to receive the Treasurer’s Report as presented. Motion approved and unanimously carried 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Fire Marshal’s Report

Division Chief Thiemann advised the Board that Station #1 continues to progress in a positive manner, and he hopes everything will be completed mid-March 2025. He advised the architect continues to work on the drawings for Station #4. Once complete they will be sent to St. Louis County for approval. Division Chief Thiemann advised the Fire Inspectors continue to run with the crews on fire alarm soundings which is helping resolve fire alarm issues. He further advised that permitting for 2025 continues to increase.

Chief Kaminski reminded the Board the new hire pinning ceremony will be held for Tony DiPaola and Stephen Tomko immediately following the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

PENSION CONSULTANT REPORT

Connor Eastman, with Lockton Investment Advisors, LLC, was present at the meeting. Mr. Eastman gave the Board an in-depth overview of the state of the economy, discussed the sale of

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OneAmerica to Voya and then presented the investment review for the fourth quarter of 2024. The Fund balance as of December 31, 2024, was \$44,178,374.32 which was down from \$45,246,331.00 at the end of the third quarter, September 30, 2024. Mr. Eastman advised the Trustees that Creative Planning, in accordance with Trustee action, has replaced Clearbridge Small Cap Growth Fund with Fidelity Small Cap Growth K-6.

A copy of the report is attached hereto and made a part hereof these minutes.

Mr. Eastman was thanked for his time and excused from the meeting.

ACCOUNTANT REPORT

Mr. Rognan presented the Financial Report and Statements as of January 31, 2025. He indicated that with timing items the District used 7.69% of the General Fund budget, or was (0.61%) under budget year to date, or (\$82,407.00.00); and 8.13% of the Ambulance Fund budget, or was (0.17%) under budget year to date, or (\$8,628.00).

Mr. Rognan indicated that for the one (1) month period year versus last year, the District had (\$3,560,794.00), or (66.64%) less in tax revenue and miscellaneous and bond refinancing income. The District had expenditures over revenues in the amount of (\$4,036,502.00). The District has a reserve of 11.43 months compared to 12.43 last year, less future contingencies.

The report is attached hereto and made a part hereof the minutes to this meeting. After discussion, it was

Moved by Director Ascheman, and seconded by Director Grimes to accept and approve the report and financial statements of the District as of January 31, 2025. Motion approved and unanimously carried 3-0.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Kaminski advised the Board on February 14, 2025, a local individual who was a police officer in Las Vegas suffered a line-of-duty death. She advised the crews participated in his procession home.

Chief Kaminski advised the Board Private Mike Robinson was deployed to the flooding in Kentucky with Missouri Task Force One. She advised it was more humanitarian work as opposed to rescue work.

Chief Kaminski advised the Board the First Responder Canteen will be holding its annual breakfast at the District on March 28, 2025, from 7:15 a.m. through 8:30 a.m.

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Chief Kaminski advised the Board that Lieutenant Kyle Forbuss's last day was the morning of February 26, 2025. She indicated he had twenty-six (26) years with the District and thirty-five (35) in the fire service.

Chief Kaminski discussed several calls with the Board including a garage fire on February 17, 2025. She indicated it was extinguished efficiently without injury.

SHOP STEWARD REPORT

Captain John Medlock presented the Shop Steward's report. He discussed various donations to area organizations and area fire fighters who have suffered loss.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

There being no further public comment or further business, at 4:35 p.m. a motion was made to suspend the regular meeting for purposes of going into Closed Session pursuant to Section 610.021 (1) and (3) RSMo. After discussion, it was

Moved by Director Ascheman and seconded by Director Grimes to go into closed session for purposes of legal action, personnel and confidential or privileged communications, Section 621.021 (1) and (3) RSMo. Motion approved and carried 3-0, Viviano – yea, Ascheman – yea, Grimes – yea

At 4:57 p.m. Director Ascheman moved to reopen the regular meeting of the Fenton Fire Protection District Board of Directors.

The Board had two (2) announcements. It moved to promote Private Nick Robben to the position of Lieutenant effective March 1, 2025. The Board further moved to offer a position of employment to the next candidate on the hiring list subject to their passing all pre-employment testing.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board of Directors, at 5:00 p.m., it was

Moved by Director Ascheman and seconded by Director Grimes to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved and unanimously carried 3-0.

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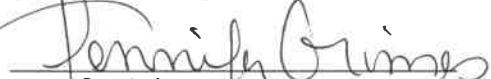
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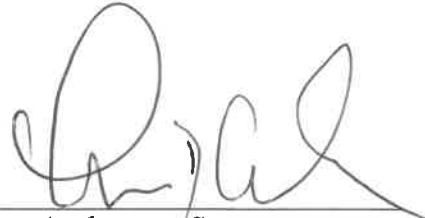
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Respectfully submitted and attested to by,


Beth L. Viviano, Chairwoman


Jennifer Grimes, Treasurer


Tom Ascheman, Secretary

