# Meeting of the Board of Directors

# March 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, March 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:**

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The following Directors answered Roll Call:

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

### Also present was:

Romona Kaminski

District Chief

Chris McCarthy Rick Rognan District Assistant Chief

District Accountant

Nick Robben

**Shop Steward** 

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 March 12, 2025, were presented and it was

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

#### APPROVAL OF BILLS

Chief Kaminski presented the Board with the bills for review and payment, which totaled \$695,200.00. 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.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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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.

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| <u>Fund</u>      | Balance as of 3/12/25 | Balance as of 3/25/25 |
|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| General          | \$25,989,289.65       | \$25,727,443.41       |
| Ambulance        | \$11,423,033.18       | \$11,380,699.15       |
| Dispatch         | \$ 1,334,731.62       | \$ 1,078,129.15       |
| Pension          | \$ 1,046,724.15       | \$ 1,046,724.15       |
| Capital Projects |                       |                       |
| 2022             | \$ 383,378.01         | \$ 374,270.72         |
| Debt Services    | \$ 3,488,387.16       | \$ 1,726,062.16       |
| HRA              | \$ 4,033.70           | \$ 4,033.70           |
| FSA              | \$ 23,378.78          | \$ 25,067.96          |

After discussion, it was

Moved by Director Ascheman 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 was not present at the meeting due to prior commitments.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

### ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

Rick Rognan presented the February 2025 financial report. He indicated that with timing items the District used 13.17% of the general fund budget or was (3.63%) under budget year to date, or (\$135,094.00); and 13.94% of the ambulance fund budget, or was (2.72%) under budget year to date, or (\$138,049.00).

Mr. Rognan indicated that for the two (2) month period year versus last year, the District had \$1,694,081.00, or 30.11% more in tax revenue and miscellaneous and bond refinancing income. The District had revenues over expenditures in the amount of \$1,450,491.00. The District has a reserve of 15.01 months compared to 13.02 last year, less future contingencies.

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

Moved by Director Grimes, and seconded by Director Ascheman to accept and approve the report and financial statements of the District as of February 28, 2025. Motion approved and unanimously carried 3-0.

Mr. Rognan next presented the 2025 Preliminary Estimate Non-Binding Tax Rates. After discussion, it was

Moved by Director Ascheman, and seconded by Director Grimes to approve the 2025 Preliminary Estimate Non-Binding Tax Rates. Motion passed and carried 3-0. A copy is attached hereto and made a part hereof these minutes.

Mr. Rognan next addressed the Central County 911 dispatch rate and how the revenue would not be enough to cover next year's billing. He indicated all Central County Emergency 911 agencies would be encountering the same issue as Hancock continues to reduce the rate and assessments increase.

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

#### CHIEF'S REPORT

last few weeks.

Chief Kaminski advised the Board the 1325 participated in the St. Patrick's Day parade in downtown St. Louis. Fenton Fire and Ferguson Fire displayed the American Flag at the event.

Chief Kaminski next advised the Board that the District held a retirement ceremony for Captain Paul Seemayer on March 21<sup>st</sup>, honoring Captain Seemayer's 29 years of service with the District.

Chief Kaminski then advised the Board, apparatus 1325 and its crew were sent to the St. Louis County Fire Academy for pictures with the graduating class honored for Retired Deputy Chief Tim Buehne.

Chief Kaminski presented the overtime report.

Chief Kaminski advised the Board, crews received an SSM award/recognition for a witness cardia arrest. Congratulations to the crew on the call: Captains Steve Evanoff, Dave Wynne, Privates Andy Erickson, Dan Madigan, and Jace Wilderman Chief Kaminski then advised the Board of several significant calls run by the crews during the

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### SHOP STEWARD REPORT

Shop Steward Robben advised the Board the Community Outreach has donated a significant amount of money to several area causes.

Shop Steward Robben further advised the Board that three (3) members of the organization participated in the recent Guns and Hoses hockey game.

#### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

There being no further public comment or further business, at 4:28 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 4:45 p.m. Director Grimes moved to reopen the regular meeting of the Fenton Fire Protection District Board of Directors.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board of Directors, at 4:45 p.m., it was

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

Respectfully submitted and attested to by,

Beth L. Viviano, Chairwoman

Jennifer Grimes, Treasurer

Tom Ascheman, Secretary