

# **Fenton Fire Protection District**

## ***Meeting of the Board of Directors***

**May 21, 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, May 21, 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 4:01 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL:**

The following Directors answered Roll Call:

Beth L. Viviano  
Jennifer Grimes  
Tom Ascheman

Also present was:

Romona Kaminski	District Chief
Chris McCarthy	District Assistant Chief
Chris Thiemann	Division Chief
Rick Rognan	District Accountant
Connor Eastman	Creative Planning
Andy Erickson	Pension Board of Trustee Member
Brett Mueller	Pension Board of Trustee Member

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 May 7, 2025, were presented and it was

***Moved by Director Grimes and seconded by Director Ascheman*** to approve the minutes of May 7, 2025. Motion approved and carried 3-0.

### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Chief Kaminski presented the Board with the bills for review and payment, which totaled \$734,466.25. After discussion, it was

***Moved by Director Grimes and seconded by Director Ascheman*** 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 accounts, 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>	<u>Balance as of 5/6/25</u>	<u>Balance as of 5/20/25</u>
General	\$24,818,457.82	\$26,508,848.46
Ambulance	\$11,009,159.08	\$11,541,113.88
Dispatch	\$ 1,089,827.85	\$ 1,189,253.40
Pension	\$ 1,061,049.21	\$ 1,258,913.46
Capital Projects		
2022	\$ 163,825.51	\$ 163,576.28
Debt Services	\$ 1,741,146.25	\$ 2,165,483.62
HRA	\$ 6,416.08	\$ 5,594.87
FSA	\$ 30,040.11	\$ 32,147.36

After discussion, it was

***Moved by Director Grimes and seconded by Director Ascheman*** to receive the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion approved and carried 3-0.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Fire Marshal's Report**

Division Chief Thiemann advised the Board that Station #1 is completed apart from a couple of minor things to finish. He further advised the Board he is working with the insurance company to begin repairs on the storm damage suffered to the building.

Division Chief Thiemann next discussed with the Board the status of the Station #4 remodel. The focus is the Decontamination Room and extractor installation. He is waiting on permitting.

Division Chief Thiemann next advised the Board that the fire marshal office has been busy with general inspections as well as on going permits. Several projects include the \$45,000,000 BJC Hospital project, plans incoming for 44 East apartments, and various other smaller projects.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT**

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Rick Rognan presented the April 2025 financial report. Mr. Rognan cautioned to not overinterpret the difference between 2025 and 2024 tax revenues YTD.

The report is attached hereto and made a part hereof the minutes to this meeting.

***Moved by Director Grimes, and seconded by Director Ascherman*** to accept and approve the report and financial statements of the District as of April 30, 2025. Motion approved and unanimously carried 3-0

Mr. Rognan next presented the 2024 Amended Budget for all Funds. After discussion, it was

***Moved by Director Grimes, and seconded by Director Ascherman*** to approve and adopt the 2024 Amended Budget as presented. Motion passed and unanimously carried 3-0. A copy is attached hereto and made a part hereof these minutes.

Mr. Rognan next presented the 2024 general fund assignment of obligations in the amount of \$4,000,000 for future appropriations, \$5,000,000 for future pension obligations, \$3,000,000 for future emergency services and preparedness, \$5,000,000 for equipment and vehicle replacement and \$3,000,000 for new fire stations. After discussion, it was

***Moved by Director Grimes, and seconded by Director Ascherman*** to approve and adopt the 2024 general fund assignment as presented. Motion passed and unanimously carried 3-0. A copy is attached hereto and made a part hereof these minutes.

Mr. Rogan next presented Resolution 2025-01 setting the Tax Increment Financing Reimbursement rate at 100% for all Chapter 99, 100 and 353 TIF financed project. After discussion, it was

***Moved by Director Grimes, and seconded by Director Ascherman*** to approve and adopt Resolution 2025-01 setting the TIF reimbursement rate for all Chapter 99, 100, and 353 TIFs at 100%. Motion approved and unanimously carried 3-0.

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

**PENSION CONSULTANT REPORT**

Connor Eastman, with Lockton Investment Advisors, LLC, was present at the meeting. Mr. Eastman gave the Board an in-depth overview about the state of the economy and then presented an investment review for the period ending March 2025. After discussion, it was

***Motion by Trustee Grimes, and seconded by Trustee Ascherman*** to accept and approve the investment report of the District as of March 2025. Motion passed and unanimously carried 3-0.

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

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

**PROPERTY, CASUALTY AND WORKERS COMPENSATION RENEWAL**

Chief Kaminski and Office Manager Kimberly Smith presented the Property and Casualty, Cyber and Worker's Compensation Renewal. The P&C renewal of \$172,140 is an increase of \$16,203, Cyber coverage renewal of \$6,312 is an increase of \$115. The total P&C renewal comes to \$178,452, the budgeted amount for 2025 is \$195,00. Worker's Compensation renewal of \$458,826 is an increase of \$14,873, the budget amount for 2025 is \$510,000. After discussion, it was

***Motion by Director Grimes, and seconded by Director Ascherman*** to accept and approve the Property and Casualty, Cyber, and Worker's Compensation Renewal. Motion passed and unanimously carried 3-0.

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief Kaminski advised the Board the District that three members of our organization have recently had babies. Congratulations to the Winford, Ruggeri, and Fenley families.

Chief Kaminski further advised the Board that the annual on-site portion of the financial audit was completed on May 14, 2025. F.E.W. CPAs will be present later in the month of June with the audit report.

Chief Kaminski next advised the Board that six of our members will graduate from the Critical Care Paramedic class on May 22, 2025. Congratulations to Lieutenant Jake Nichols, Lieutenant Steve Clark, Firefighter Paramedic Angie Kanyuck-Hayes, Firefighter Paramedic Cindy Hake, Firefighter Paramedic Anna Brown, and Firefighter Paramedic Andy Erickson.

Chief Kaminski next advised the Board that EMS Open House was held on May 17, 2025. The event was a success. It was a great day for community outreach and appreciation. Also, a great time celebrating 30 years of service to the Fenton community by the St. Louis County Police. Many local elected officials attended as well as Fenton retirees. A big thank you to Division Chief Tom DiMercurio for organizing and putting on the event.

Chief Kaminski next discussed various training the crews have been engaged in since the last Board Meeting including live burns.

Chief Kaminski further advised the Board that several of our District personnel are participating in the SSM Softball tournament today. Fun event put on by SSM for the first responder community.

Chief Kaminski advised the Board that two of our members were deployed with MOTF1 to the tornados in St. Louis, Firefighter Paramedic Mike Robinson and Brian Schwertmann.

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Chief Kaminski next advised the Board that after twenty-four (24) years of service to the District Captain Rob Miller will be retiring June 1, 2025. His retirement ceremony will be held on June 2, 2025.

Chief Kaminski advised the Board of several calls including a clinical save on a recent cardiac arrest, and a significant trauma call.

**SHOP STEWARD REPORT**

Chief Kaminski advised the Board that Mike Long and Break the Stigma will be hosting a Pickleball Tournament on May 31, 2025, at the Missouri Pickleball Club.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

Wednesday, June 4, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

There being no further public comment or further business, at 5:50 p.m. a motion was made to suspend the regular meeting for purposes of going into Closed Session pursuant to Section 610.021 (3) RSMo. After discussion, it was

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

At 5:28 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 5:29 p.m., it was

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

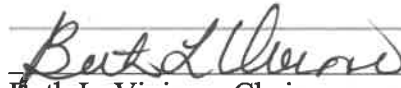
Respectfully submitted and attested to by,

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Beth L. Viviano, Chairwoman

  
Jennifer Grimes, Treasurer

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Tom Ascheman, Secretary