

Fenton Fire Protection District

Meeting of the Board of Directors

June 18, 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, June 18, 2025, originating at the Fenton Fire Protection District at Fire Station 2, at 1001 Assembly Parkway, Fenton, Missouri 63026.

Chairwoman Beth L. 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

Also present were:

Romona Kaminski	District Chief
Chris McCarthy	Assistant District Chief
Chris Thiemann	Division Chief
Thomas Mueller	Training Officer
Andy Anderson	Battalion Chief
Nick Robben	Shop Steward
Jagadeesh Mandava	Legal Counsel
Rick Rognan	District Accountant
Leslie Gregory	District Auditor

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes from the regular meeting held June 4, 2025, were presented and it was

Moved by Director Ascheman and seconded by Director Grimes to approve the minutes of the June 4, 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 \$905,795.55. 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 6/3/2025</u>	<u>Balance as of 6/17/2025</u>
General	\$26,054,826.71	\$25,798,639.68
Ambulance	\$11,461,628.23	\$11,412,236.41
Dispatch	\$ 1,194,182.24	\$ 1,194,182.24
Pension	\$ 1,264,351.76	\$ 1,264,351.76
Capital Projects		
2022	\$ 6,577.50	\$ 2,811.49
Debt Services	\$ 2,167,961.33	\$ 2,167,961.33
HRA	\$ 4,536.12	\$ 7,757.53
FSA	\$ 32,262.97	\$ 33,690.21

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 indicated that landscaping at Station #4 was being updated to address leaks. Additionally, he confirmed that the roof on Station #1 will be covered by insurance.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Financial Statements

Rick Rognan, with Rognan & Associates, presented the financial report as of May 31, 2025. He discussed the potential impact of sales and use tax legislation on District revenues. As the revenue from the sales tax will be monthly, he expects that it will provide a steady stream of revenue. While more information will be needed before the District would be able to make any decisions on prospective tax rates, he would estimate the use tax to amount to approximately 15% of sales tax. The District would have until January 2026 to make decisions regarding rates to ensure a timely ballot measure for the April 2026, election cycle. Prior to the District considering any rollback of tax rates, he recommended the District address any underfunded liabilities.

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In reviewing the May 2025 financial statements, he indicated that with timing items the District used 30.09% of the general fund budget or was (11.61%) under budget year to date, or (\$1,568,436.00); and 36.52% of the ambulance fund budget, or was (5.18%) under budget year to date, or (\$262,902.00).

Mr. Rognan indicated that for the five (5) month period versus last year, the District had \$651,532.00, or 6.32% more in total revenues. During the same period, the District had revenue over expenditure in the amount of \$513,013.00. The District has a reserve of 17.36 months compared to 15.65 last year, less future contingencies.

He commended the Board and District staff and noted that expense categories that appeared to exceed budget, such as dues and subscriptions, would return to expected levels with time. He noted the overall increase in expenses matched the increase expected from inflation.

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 May 31, 2025. Motion approved and unanimously carried 3-0.

Review of 2024 Financial Audit

Leslie Gregory, with Fick, Eggemeyer & Williamson presented the findings of the Independent Auditor's Report for the year ended 2024. She noted the District's collateralization was appropriate and noted the opinion was an unmodified and clean audit opinion. The District ended 2024 with \$53,524,706.00 versus \$48,129,401.00 in 2023.

After discussion, it was ***moved by Director Ascheman and seconded by Director Grimes*** to receive the financial statements and Auditor's Report as presented. Motion approved and unanimously carried 3-0. A copy of the 2024 Annual Financial Statements are attached hereto and made a part hereof the minutes to this meeting.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Kaminski informed the Board that due to the correction of an accounting error associated with TIF revenues attributable to Fenton Logistics Park, the District will be receiving an additional \$1.2 million.

Chief Kaminski also reported that the new SCBA were delivered and thanked Captain Rausch for leadership in securing the new gear.

Chief Kaminski informed the Board that Lieutenant Ryan Fenley was recognized by the Fenton Chamber of Commerce.

SHOP STEWARD'S REPORT

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Shop Steward Robben discussed several events the Shop has participated in recently and upcoming events, including the St. Paul tournament. He also indicated that he expects to have more information about the sales tax from the Union Hall in July.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

Moved by Director Ascheman and seconded by Director Grimes to eliminate the July 2, 2025, meeting.

There being no further public comment or further business, at 4:55 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 (13) 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 (13) RSMo. Motion approved and unanimously carried 3-0, Viviano – yea, Grimes – yea, Ascheman - yea


At 5:58 p.m. Director Ascheman moved to reopen the regular meeting of the Fenton Fire Protection District Board of Directors. Announcement were made regarding the decisions of the Board of Directors.

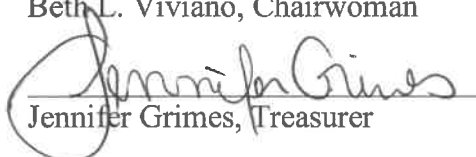
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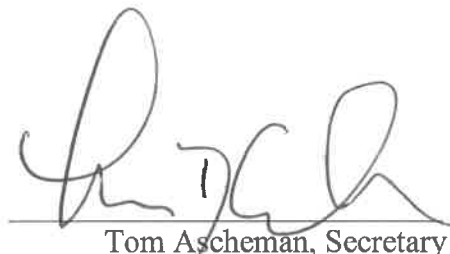
There being no further business before the Board of Directors, at 6:00 p.m., it was

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

Respectfully submitted and attested to by,


Beth L. Viviano, Chairwoman


Jennifer Grimes, Treasurer


Tom Ascheman, Secretary