# Meeting of the Board of Directors

# **April 19, 2023**

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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, April 19, 2023, originating at the Fenton Fire Protection District, 1001 Assembly Parkway, Fenton, Missouri 63026.

Chairwoman Beth Viviano ruled that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

## **ROLL CALL:**

The following Directors answered Roll Call:

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

Also present was:

Romona Kaminski

**District Chief** 

Chris McCarthy

District Assistant Chief

Chris Thiemann

Division Chief - District Fire Marshal

Dan McLaughlin Steve McKinney Legal Counsel Shop Steward

## APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes from the regular and closed meeting held April 5, 2023, were presented and it was

Moved by Director Grimes and seconded by Director Ascheman to approve the minutes April 5, 2023. Motion approved and unanimously carried 3-0.

#### APPROVAL OF BILLS

Chief Kaminski presented the Board with the bills for review and payment, which totaled \$417,062.47. 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 account, deposits, payments, and transfers for the General, Ambulance, Dispatch, Pension, Capital

Projects 2019, Capital Projects 2022, Debt Service, HRA and FSA Funds.

## Simmons

<u>Fund</u>	Balance as of 04/05/23	Balance as of 04/19/23			
General	\$17,461,204.94	\$19,334,494.25			
Ambulance	\$7,093,566.03	\$8,251,647.31			
Dispatch	\$676,303.18	\$784,850.44			
Pension	\$1,152,864.96	\$1,371,436.02			
Capital Projects					
2019	\$656.62	\$656.62			
Capital Projects					
2022	\$5,244,788.28	\$5,225,345.78			
Debt Services	\$1,852,180,64	\$2,289,476.77			
HRA	\$8,977.55	\$5,721.20			
FSA	\$16,157.16	\$18,807.09			

After discussion, it was

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

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Division Chief Thiemann advised the Board they are continuing to work through the finishing touches on the punch list at Station #2.

Division Chief Thiemann advised the bids were reviewed for Station #1. He further advised the Steering Committee will be meeting Friday to review these bids.

Division Chief Thiemann advised the Architect and Engineer will be out to Station #2 to work on the air conditioning noise and other noises heard in the Board Room.

Division Chief Thiemann next discussed the impact of the heavy rains over the winter on the top soil that was in place to cover the landscape seeding. He indicated it has eroded and created severe run-off. Division Chief Thiemann advised he received a bid from Bopp Landscaping in the amount of \$19,585.00 to re-dig the coverts, add rock and repair the eroded ditch areas. They

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will add brown river rock and gravel in certain areas, sod the front of the building with fescue and re-seed the back areas and cover with straw. After discussion, it was

Moved by Director Grimes, and seconded by Director Ascheman to approve the Bopp Landscaping bid in the amount of \$19,585.00. Motion passed and unanimously carried 3-0.

Division Chief DiMercurio advised there were currently no employees out with COVID.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Chief Kaminski presented the Board with a proclamation for Dana Williams who will be retiring May 1, 2023.

Chief Kaminski then presented the quarterly collateralization report. She noted the District is collateralized in the amount of \$5,281,146.32.

#### **CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief Kaminski advised the Board that Tony Roylance has requested early retirement for June 1, 2023. She noted the Shop will need to replace him as a Pension Trustee.

Chief Kaminski next presented the Quarterly Overtime Report for the first quarter 2023 compared to last year bereavement and sick leave, along with worker's compensation leave are all higher than last year. Covid, Military and FMLA are all down. A copy of the report is attached hereto and made a part hereof these minutes.

Chief Kaminski next advised the crews ran several calls over the weekend due to the storms. She said Valley Park Fire, Assistant Chief VanGaasbeek, commended the crews on their responses.

Chief Kaminski reported one call on Sunday was to a building with a natural gas leak above explosive levels. She indicated the building had to be ventilated.

Chief Kaminski reported on the District's participation in the procession for the Kentucky fallen soldier that lived in the St. James area.

Chief Kaminski advised the Board that Assistant Chief McCarthy has successfully completed, and graduated from, the National Fire Officer's Academy. The Board congratulated Assistant Chief McCarthy on his accomplishment.

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Chief Kaminski next presented drafts of new proposed logos. She advised the District continues to work on rebranding. Deputy Chief Mueller's wife, Lisa, was thanked for her donation of time to help with the designs.

#### SHOP STEWARD'S REPORT

Steve McKinney reminded the Board the Shop will hold its annual trivia night on May 12, 2023. He also advised the Board there will be a gun raffle on June 1, 2023.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

## **NEXT MEETING DATE**

Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

There being no further public comment or further business, at 4:29 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 Grimes and seconded by Director Ascheman to go into closed session for purposes of confidential or privileged communications Section 621.021 (1) and (9) RSMo. Motion approved and unanimously carried 3-0, Viviano – yea, Grimes – yea, Ascheman - yea.

At 5:40 p.m. Director Grimes moved to reopen the regular meeting of the Fenton Fire Protection District Board of Directors.

The Board announced it has offered positions of employment to two firefighters and a part-time inspector subject to passing all physicals and background checks.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board of Directors, at 5:41 p.m., it was

*Moved by Director Grimes and seconded by Director Ascheman* 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

Tom Ascheman, Secretary