

**WONDER LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 19, 2023**

The Board of Trustees of the Wonder Lake Fire Protection District held their regular monthly meeting on December 19, 2023 at Station 1, Wonder Lake, IL

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MEMBERS PRESENT: President/Trustee Todd Rishling, Secretary/Trustee Michelle Stierle (arrived at 10:15), Treasurer/Trustee Dave Bruchsaler, Trustees Cheryl Hammerand (Remotely) and Erv Gall, Chief Mike Weber, Attorney Ericka Thomas and four members from the Department or public was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: D. Bruchsaler motioned to approve the agenda as written. E. Gall seconded the motion. All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

PUBLIC HEARING: T. Rishling motioned to begin the Public Hearing at 9:34 a.m. D. Bruchsaler seconded the motion. All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved. There being no public, T. Rishling motioned to end the Public Hearing at 9:35 a.m. E. Gall seconded the motion. All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The November 30, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes were reviewed. D. Bruchsaler motioned to approve the Minutes as written. E. Gall seconded the motion. All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

The July 25, 2023 Executive Session Meeting Minutes were tabled until next month.

The November 30, 2023 Executive Session Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Attorney Thomas advised to replace “irrefutable” to “undisputed” D. Bruchsaler Motioned to approve the Minutes as amended and keep closed. T. Rishling seconded the motion. All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT: T. Rishling motioned to approve the Treasurer’s Report for December 2023. E. Gall seconded the motion. Roll call vote: All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved. PBS collected a gross amount of \$24,733.09 for October 2023 and their fee was \$1,236.65.

CORRESPONDENCE – Received final settlement report from County Treasurer. D. Bruchsaler signed and L. Busse will send back to County.

Received Certificate of Status of Exempt Property. T. Rishling signed and L. Busse will send back to County.

OLD BUSINESS – Discussed Deputy Chief applicant process. T. Rishling advised letters went out to the top five applicants. T. Rishling and D. Bruchsaler will do a 45 minute TEAMS or ZOOM conference with each of them. Once it is narrowed down to 2-3 applicants, will call a special meeting for all Trustees to decide whom they will offer the Deputy Chief position to. A letter was sent out to the eight candidates who were not selected.

Discussed Levy Ordinance #2023-05 Levying and Assessing Taxes of the Wonder Lake Fire Protection District. D. Bruchsaler motioned to approve Levy Ordinance 2023-05. E. Gall seconded the motion. Roll call vote: All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved. Attorney Thomas will file with County Clerk's Office.

NEW BUSINESS – None

ATTORNEY REPORT – None

TRUSTEES REPORT – C. Hammerand advised she usually does on line education but not seeing any class offerings. Attorney Thomas advised there are education seminars on line.

CHIEF'S REPORT – Total calls for November 2023 is 98. We provided mutual/auto aid five times and we received mutual/auto aid 37 times.

Narcotics boxes are programmed and installed. There were some minor software problems but L. Busse took care of it. There is also a narc box at the station.

We received a check for the impact fees from the Village of Wonder Lake. The fees came from new construction in the Meadows of West Bay Subdivision. Have asked for a list of permits issued. The amount of the check is \$31,581.00.

The Village has added a second entrance to Meadows of West Bay off W. Wonder Lake Road and White Oaks Road. A hydrant there was added to the snow shoveling duties.

Met with Northwest Rescue and signed contract. They offered us seven members of which we have accepted five. They are working on getting them certified in our system. This could take a while to fix depending on the 90-day rule of working as a stand-alone medic.

Breakfast with Santa Claus was well attended and a huge thank you goes out to Lt. Spangler for putting it together and a thank you to our very own Santa Claus Trustee Bruchsaler.

Christmas at the Lake was a huge success as well. Parade was very well attended.

Toys for Tot toy delivery went very well. It was great to see members helping the community.

We delivered Santa Claus to the Alibi for their Breakfast with Santa Claus.

Joe Houston and Chief Weber, the Village of Wonder Lake and McHenry Township Fire Department took Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus to pass out candy canes to the children in Stonewater subdivision.

We have three new members who have started and are picking up numerous shifts. Meeting with a few more members to get them started. Only one was already in our EMS system and he is picking up numerous shifts.

E. Wanderer was cleared to work and have paperwork for file.

Lt. Majors will not be coming back after his leave of absence. Waiting on his resignation letter. He brought in the rest of his equipment.

E. Smith has put in his letter of resignation. He took a second job closer to home and in the same EMS system as his other job. This is all in preparation of him taking medic class next year. He appreciates everything we have done for him.

Netcom CrowdStrike MDR for security system has been ordered and will be installed in January.

We have a date set up with Pierce to look at engine. Hoping we can get everything accomplished in one day.

Discussed budget and need to look at numbers for security system and dog/drone program. Will know better numbers once Northwest Rescue bills come in. Hoping to have some type of report by mid-January.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

EXECUTIVE SESSION – T. Rishling motioned to go into Executive Session at 10:05 a.m. to discuss specific individuals pursuant to two (c) (1) of the Open Meeting Act. E. Gall seconded the motion. All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

Regular meeting reconvened at 10:57 a.m.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION – The Board has directed Attorney Thomas to prepare an executive summary of the investigation and a letter in Chris Weber's file. Chief Weber asked if C. Weber was interviewed to tell his side of the situation. Attorney Thomas advised multiple attempts were made to contact C. Weber's attorney with no response. Chief Weber advised C. Weber no longer has that attorney.

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND PAYROLL – The invoices and payroll were presented for payment. T. Rishling motioned to approve the invoices and payroll for December 2023 totaling \$120,000.00. E. Gall seconded the motion. Roll call vote: All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

M. Stierle motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 a.m.; E. Gall seconded the motion. All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

Approved: _____ Trustee/Secretary: Michelle
Stierle