

**WONDER LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 30, 2023**

The Board of Trustees of the Wonder Lake Fire Protection District held their regular monthly meeting on November 30, 2023 at Station 1, Wonder Lake, IL

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MEMBERS PRESENT: President/Trustee Todd Rishling, Secretary/Trustee Michelle Stierle, 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The October 31, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes were reviewed. C. Hammerand advised under Trustees Report to change “Congress” to “General Assembly”. D. Bruchsaler motioned to approve the Minutes as amended. M. Stierle seconded the motion. All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

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

TREASURER’S REPORT: E. Gall motioned to approve the Treasurer’s Report for November 2023. D. Bruchsaler seconded the motion. Roll call vote: All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved. PBS collected a gross amount of \$25,263.39 for October 2023 and their fee was \$1,224.62.

CORRESPONDENCE – Discussed MABAS contract. T. Rishling motioned nucprotunc codifying approving MABAS contract. E. Gall seconded the motion. Roll call vote: All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS – The Black Box for the Levy has been published and will pass it in December. Will hold public hearing in December as well.

Discussed Northwest Ambulance contract. Attorney Thomas advised “and for cause” needs to be crossed off contract and initialed. D. Bruchsaler motioned to approve Northwest Rescue Contract amended to omit “and for cause”. E. Gall seconded the motion. Roll call vote: All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

Discussed remote server. Trustees decided not to have remote access to server.

Discussed open Deputy Chief position. Madison Bruchsaler is a corporate recruiter and has helped with the process. She suggests doing virtual interviews to cut down to five applicants. Per Attorney Thomas, you would have to post a public meeting agenda if more than two Trustees are gathering. E. Gall motioned to move forward with Madison Bruchsaler volunteering her time to help with the

interviewing/hiring process. M. Stierle seconded the motion. All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS – None

ATTORNEY REPORT – None

TRUSTEES REPORT – D. Bruchsaler reminded everyone, we cannot, as a department, endorse anything on social media.

T. Rishling came up with a Crisis Communication Plan and will submit it to Attorney Thomas and Chief Weber for review.

CHIEF'S REPORT – Total calls for October 2023 is 89. We provided mutual/auto aid five times and we received mutual/auto aid 29 times. Have met with surrounding area Chiefs to let them know where we are going with hiring Northwest Ambulance. If we do not have the manpower, we do not send anyone for auto aid. In November, we ran shifts without medic and shifts without EMT or FF. Once we hire Northwest Ambulance, we will always have at least one Wonder Lake member on with the Northwest people.

Drawings are set up and done for septic system and will send it out for pricing after reviewing with Trustees.

Narc boxes are in and in process of programming them.

All Knox Boxes in District are completed and new keys are placed in apparatus. Thank you to B/C Young for doing this.

The man doors at Station #1 have been replaced.

Pierce called and they have some dates for us to see the pre build and go over spec sheet. We go to them because their engineers will be there.

We received \$1,560.00 from Woodstock for their “spiller pays” incident.

For the time being, working with EMS system to have one ambulance and one engine BLS with AED. The biggest drawback is if we have two EMT's working, we will have to have engine and ambulance at Station #2.

Discussed mounting cameras at the stations. Due to the cost, we may have to do this in phases. Chief Weber and L. Busse will go through budget to see how much we have to start this process. T. Rishling motioned to spend no more than \$15,000.00 for security system if it is feasible with budget. M. Stierle seconded the motion. Roll call vote: All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

E. Wanderer advised she has doctor's appointment on 12/8/23 at 2:00 p.m. She expects she will be cleared to work.

Charles Homuth would like a 6-month leave of absence due to family issues. The Board is fine with this.

Chief Weber would like the following members put on the department pending background checks and physicals: Timothy Urquhart PM/FF, Michael Reiken EMT/FF, Evan Bonni EMT, Austin Gibb EMT, Garret Basista FF, Thomas Petska FF, Brian Christ PM/FF and Kurt Rodewald PM/FF. T. Rishling motioned to hire members pending background check and physical. D. Bruchsaler seconded the motion. All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

The following members have received new certs: John Larsen EMT/BOF, Emma Szymanski EMT/BOF, Kyle Albert BOF, David Pecoraro BOF and Sandra Valdez BOF. Congrats to all!

Trustees thanked the Chiefs at both the fire department and police department for the social presence and social media presence at the Wonder Lake Fall Fest and the Thanksgiving get together. Chief Weber advised the community brought all the turkeys and fixings for the Thanksgiving get together.

G. Hennessey advised Jager is certified in Level 1 for obedience and also Level 1 for tracking and trailing. Next step would be creating a team and getting him certified in MABAS. We can incorporate drone in this as well. Need to market to other departments who want to join and figure out which vehicle Jager will respond in.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Randy McCafferty made dinners and dropped them off with Pastor Dan at the Bible Church. He will have chili and hot dogs for the community the Saturday before Christmas. He will also have bins for food and toy donations. M. Stierle also helps with Toys for Tots.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – T. Rishling motioned to go into Executive Session at 11:15 to discuss specific individuals pursuant to 2 (c) (1) of the opens meeting act. M. Stierle seconded the motion. All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

Regular meeting reconvened at 11:50

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION – T. Rishling motioned to dismiss F. Dixon from the department. M. Stierle seconded the motion. All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

M. Stierle motioned to promote C. Spangler and B. Stennett to Lieutenant effective immediately. T. Rishling seconded the motion. All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved. Chief Weber will do promotion ceremony in January 2024.

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND PAYROLL – The invoices and payroll were presented for payment. M. Stierle motioned to approve the invoices and payroll for November 2023 totaling \$130,000.00. D. Bruchsaler seconded the motion. Roll call vote: All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

M. Stierle motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:58 a.m.; E. Gall seconded the motion. All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

Approved: _____ Trustee/Secretary: Michelle
Stierle