

**WONDER LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 27, 2024**

The Board of Trustees of the Wonder Lake Fire Protection District held their regular monthly meeting on February 27, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. 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 Megan Lamb and one member from the Department or public was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Need to add “approve July 25th, 2023 Executive Session Minutes” to agenda. E. Gall motioned to approve the agenda as amended. M. Stierle seconded the motion. All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The January 23, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Add under approval of Minutes, Cheryl Hammerand “abstained due to not being able to read the minutes prior to the motion.” D. Bruchsaler motioned to approve the Minutes as amended. M. Stierle seconded the motion. All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

The July 25th, 2023 Executive Session Meeting Minutes were reviewed. There are a few name spelling corrections. D. Bruchsaler motioned to approve the Minutes as amended and keep closed. M. Stierle seconded the motion. All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT: M. Stierle motioned to approve the Treasurer’s Report for February 2024. E. Gall seconded the motion. Roll call vote: All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved. PBS collected a gross amount of \$38,198.97 for January 2024 and their fee was \$1,851.49.

CORRESPONDENCE – We received a donation for the dog program from Melanie Moehling for \$50.00. Will deposit into account and a thank you letter will be sent out.

OLD BUSINESS – Discussed camera security. Chief Weber will get more quotes and begin in the next budget year.

NEW BUSINESS – The 2018 Harassment Policy has been put onto Vector Solutions. They had the 2010 version which was incorrect. All members need to complete this training in Vector Solutions.

ATTORNEY REPORT – D. Bruchsaler wondered when we are supposed to have our centennial committee meeting. Attorney Thomas advised the dates were 9/28/23, 1/23/24 and 5/28/24. T. Rishling motioned to change the centennial meeting to 3/20/24 at 11:00 a.m. or immediately following the District Board Meeting. E. Gall seconded the motion. All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

Discussed billing from attorney. Attorney Thomas advised our retainer has been \$500.00 since 2014. At the end of 2023, the shareholders adjusted the retainer on quite a few clients to \$1,000.00/month. Attorney Thomas advised clients are charged by 1/10 of an hour for calls or emails. T. Rishling advised it is important we do not reach out to the attorney for insignificant things.

TRUSTEES REPORT – D. Bruchsaler attended the Pinewood Derby for Pack 456 and has been invited to their blue and gold. Trustees thanked D. Bruchsaler for attending.

The Trustees were not able to attend the Northern Illinois Alliance but heard helpful feedback from B/C Rodewald who attended on behalf of McHenry.

The Trustees were not able to attend the County Trustees meeting, but B/C Rodewald attended on behalf of McHenry.

T. Rishling attended MABAS Illinois in Normal, IL. We signed our letter of intent for Division 5. The funding coming in is less than in the past. One highlight was a Chief from Michigan spoke on electric vehicles and batteries. He is the rep for the International Fire Chiefs Association. We should start tracking fires that involve lithium batteries. If we are not prepared for EV fires in our community, we will be behind the game.

The Democratic National Convention will be held in Chicago and there is significant preparation due to the high volume of people attending.

CHIEF'S REPORT – Total calls for January 2024 are 100. We provided mutual/auto aid eight times and we received mutual/auto aid 14 times.

Trustees Rishling and Bruchsaler and Chief Weber met with Pierce to go over pre-built specs. We were not able to purchase the arial camera. Delivery date is September 2024. Chief Weber will get the final balance owed.

The staffing is getting much better due to the EMS system collaborating with us getting people certified. Thanks to T. Rishling and C. Tabert.

Our BLS ambulance is out for inspection to be brought back to ALS. Engine 1644 will stay BLS.

Ambulance 6495 went in for turbo problems and is currently out of service.

Our promotion ceremony will be 2/28/24 at 7:00 p.m. at Station #1. The following members are being promoted to officers:

D/C Matt Yegge, B/C Kurt Rodewald, Lt. Casey Spangler, Lt. Brian Stennett

The following members were taken off probation:

Kyle Albert, Miguel Alcazar, David Pecoraro, Emma Szymanski, Sandra Valdez

The following members are still on leave of absence: Leo Ibarra, Cassie Laing, Sara Papic, and M. Stennett. CJ Homuth has begun working again.

Chief Weber would like to put the following members on the department:

Patrick DeVore, Henry Gruba, Jason Kedrok and Matt Niezgodzki. Three are paramedics and one is an EMT. It is the consensus of the Board to hire these individuals.

The 4th of July festivities will be on 7/6/24. We are planning to have an open house and dog show.

Discussed Shift Commander pay. Chief Weber recommends paying hourly for Shift Commander, but they must be responding from our District. D. Bruchsaler motioned to increase shift commander pay to their hourly wage and respond from in District. T. Rishling seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

D/C Yegge is looking into how Spring Grove does their permanent part time shifts. We are also investigating sharing employees with other departments. He is also doing a feasibility study on where our department is at and possible new station locations.

McHenry is running an FAE class. D/C Yegge has offered to assist in instructing, which may save us some money.

Looking into getting a vehicle for D/C Yegge. Chief will investigate federal and state level auctions. In the meantime, D/C Yegge has been given a gas card to use occasionally.

Drug logs are being signed off by paramedics. Can't have EMT's signing off on drugs.

Will purchase an air fryer at each station.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

EXECUTIVE SESSION – T. Rishling motioned to go into Executive Session at 10:27 a.m. to discuss specific individuals pursuant to two (c) (1) of the Opens Meeting Act. E. Gall seconded the motion. All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND PAYROLL – The invoices and payroll were presented for payment. M. Stierle motioned to approve the invoices and payroll for February 2024 totaling \$100,000.00. E. Gall seconded the motion. Roll call vote: All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

E. Gall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m. T. Rishling seconded the motion. All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

Approved: _____ Trustee/Secretary: Michelle Stierle