

**WONDER LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 22, 2024**

The Board of Trustees of the Wonder Lake Fire Protection District held their regular monthly meeting on May 22, 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, Deputy Chief Matt Yegge, Attorney Ericka Thomas and no members from the Department or public was present.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The April 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes were reviewed. D. Bruchsaler motioned to approve the Minutes as written. T. Rishling seconded the motion. All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

The April 2024, Closed Meeting Minutes were reviewed. E. Gall advised the adjournment time of the meeting does not match the open session Minutes. L. Busse will change the adjournment time. D. Bruchsaler motioned to approve the Minutes as amended and keep closed. T. Rishling seconded the motion. All Trustees present voted Aye, except C. Hammerand abstained since she did not get the Minutes to be able to read them. Motion approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: M. Stierle motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report for May 2024. E. Gall seconded the motion. Roll call vote: All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved. PBS collected a gross amount of \$58,359.06 for April 2024 and their fee was \$2,858.84.

Cashed CD #3346 in early to get a better interest rate. The State Bank Group waived the early cashout fee and put us in CD #4028 for 7 months at a rate of 4.8794%.

Attorney Thomas suggested checking into an investment firm to get better gains. She suggested Sawyer out of Elmhurst.

CORRESPONDENCE – Received a letter from Wonder Lake State Bank stating they are willing to borrow us money for our new engine and ambulance.

OLD BUSINESS – Received a letter from Attorney Guy Youman in regard to the DN & DRTY bill for ambulance 6495. Attorney Thomas advised she sent a letter back to Attorney Guy Youman and have not heard back from him. Will send a follow up letter. Tabled until we hear back from their attorney.

Discussed purchasing policy. Attorney Thomas advised with a policy comes ramifications if a policy is not followed. She advised against a policy and would rather it be purchasing guidelines. D. Bruchsaler advised we have a fiduciary responsibility to the taxpayers. Attorney Thomas advised there is currently statutory governance after \$20,000.00.

Chief and D/C contracts are tabled until next month.

Will look at dates for sexual harassment training.

Chief Weber will do the final inspection of our new engine. Would like two others to come along as well.

NEW BUSINESS – Meeting dates for next year are: 6/24/24, 7/23/24, 8/27/24, 9/24/24, 10/22/24, 11/20/24, 12/17/24, 1/28/25, 2/25/25, 3/18/25, 4/22/25, 5/27/25.

B/C Rodewald attended a Homeland Security Program. He signed us up and will look to see what opportunities there are for us as far as replacing boat equipment etc. There is money sitting in grants for these things.

ATTORNEY REPORT – None

TRUSTEES REPORT – D. Bruchsaler attended Tommy Young's Eagle Scout Ceremony on behalf of the department. It would be nice to get him a plaque from the department. We need to update our Eagle Scout plaque at Station #2.

CHIEF'S REPORT – Total calls for April 2024 are 110. We provided mutual/auto aid five times and we received mutual/auto aid seven times. Shifts are being covered better and this month looks good.

We received a donated engine on Saturday morning. Thanks to all who showed up. Along with the engine, the family donated \$1,000.00 to outfit it. The mechanic will come out and do the annual maintenance. Our goal is to have it in service in 3 weeks.

The July 4th celebration will be on July 6th this year. We will have a picnic for the members at 11:00 a.m. The parade begins at 1:00 p.m. We will have an open house at Station #1 following the parade and there will be a dog contest. Home Depot is giving away a great prize for the dog contest. There will be an IAP for the parade. The police will be stationed in the old Kings Row. We will be putting additional staff members on from noon until midnight on 7/6/24. Will also put police officer and EMS personnel on each boat. We collaborate closely with the police department during community events.

The Chief asked if we could have a picnic for the members in place of the awards banquet. Trustees will speak to Joe Houston about ideas for the members. Will also see what officers want to do.

The generator is to be installed on 5/28/24.

The Dispatch bill came in after bills were done and would like to pay after the 1st of the month. T. Rishling motioned to pay the Dispatch bill in the amount of \$24,747.25 after the 1st of the month. M. Stierle seconded the motion. Roll call vote: All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

Foster Coach will meet for us to sign a contract.

Ambulance 6495 was back at Bull Valley Ford to get def exhaust filter unplugged. If we have to replace it, the cost will be \$5,000.00. D/C Yegge advised this should fall back on DN & DRTY as well.

Ambulance 7877 is having transmission shifting problems and will go in on Tuesday to Bull Valley Ford.

We have a few members who have not been participating in our minimum four shifts per month. B. Christ and T. Petska have been contacted and they will get back to Chief Weber this week if they still want to be a member of this department. Would like to remove Austin Gibb from the roster due to him not returning phone messages. It is the consensus of the Board to remove A. Gibb from our roster.

Chief Weber recommends B. Sielck and J. Kedrock be promoted to Lieutenant. It is the consensus of the Board to promote both candidates. All Officers have been notified they must work 72 hours per month.

Would like members in the role of Acting Officer to get into classes. Would like to send new members to EMT and Medic classes and Officer classes. There is a free Instructor I class coming up. Thinking about rewarding those who step up and show initiative.

Would like to promote John Larsen to Acting Officer and get him into schooling. Need to see who else is interested in becoming an Officer. Need a guideline to get into Acting Officer program.

D/C Yegge: Discussed donating our old engine to MCC after lights are taken off of it. Once the newly donated engine is in service, we might be storing it in Hebron. Would also like to use it as a Quad engine.

B. Stennett and M. Stennett will be resigning from the department at the end of May.

B. Herdus has been hired as a new member and she is an EMT-B.

Discussed combining Explorer programs with Spring Grove. IFSI is coming up and J. Larsen has offered to go with as a chaperone. Will make sure all Explorers are prepared for IFSI and decide which ones are ready to go. The others can wait until next year.

Would like to get bullet proof/quick class 1 vests on our ambulances. Hoping to get some through Springfield. Will get cost on it.

Discussed drones. Ours is not going to work for us. There are plenty of resources, such as police, to get a drone on scene if needed.

Over next month will see RIT training at Station #2. Quad departments will be training with us. Will be building props there as well.

Discussed doing a formal study of how we staff, what equipment is needed, auto aid agreements and what is needed for our future. Fontana did it at a cost of approximately \$12,000.00. Trustees suggested we can get a lot of information from Image Trend without having to hire someone.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND PAYROLL – The invoices and payroll were presented for payment. D. Bruchsaler motioned to approve the invoices and payroll for May 2024 totaling \$160,000.00. T. Rishling seconded the motion. Roll call vote: All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

M. Stierle motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:22 a.m. E. Gall seconded the motion. All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

Approved: _____ Trustee/Secretary: Michelle Stierle