

**WONDER LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 24, 2024**

The Board of Trustees of the Wonder Lake Fire Protection District held their regular monthly meeting on April 24, 2024, at 10:00 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 Ericka Thomas and no members from the Department or public was present.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The March 20, 2024, 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.

TREASURER'S REPORT: M. Stierle motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report for April 2024. C. Hammerand seconded the motion. Roll call vote: All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved. PBS collected a gross amount of \$45,206.23 for March 2024 and their fee was \$2,260.31.

T. Rishling motioned to change a CD to a 7-month term at 5%. C. Hammerand seconded the motion. Roll call vote: All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

CORRESPONDENCE – We are due to update our Dispatch communications contract. A new person took it over and the paperwork is not complete. For 2024 our contract went up \$7,000.00 and it should have only been a 5% increase in Dispatch. Still waiting to hear back from them. Discussed looking into other Dispatch centers. Tabled until contract is received.

We received an invitation for Tom Young's Eagle Scout Court of Honor on May 5, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at Woodstock North High School

OLD BUSINESS – We received a proposal for lawn mowing from Johnny B Landscaping for \$55.00 for the East side and \$45.00 for the West side. D. Bruchsaler motioned to approve Johnny B. Landscaping Proposal. M. Stierle seconded the motion. Roll call vote: All Trustees present voted Aye; Motion approved.

The purchasing policy will be tabled until next month.

Attorney Thomas will work on Deputy Chief contract.

Discussed repairs on ambulance 6495. We were told the cause of the damage was caused by Down and Dirty per Bull Valley Ford. When Down and Dirty did work they said it needed a new turbo charger. At the end of the day anti-freeze got into cylinder and rod that holds the piston bent. Received two bills and then a quote to replace the engine from Down and Dirty. Our only option is to approach them with a letter and what they are willing to do with the previous amount of money spent. Will have Attorney Thomas write a letter. The part numbers listed from Down and Dirty do not even exist per Bull Valley Ford.

NEW BUSINESS – Discussed new engine and who will go and pick it up. Looking at August or September completion and inspection.

ATTORNEY REPORT – None

TRUSTEES REPORT – Trustees wished L. Busse Happy Administrative Appreciation Day.

CHIEF'S REPORT – Total calls for March 2024 are 108. We provided mutual/auto aid twelve times and we received mutual/auto aid eleven times.

We had a call for evaluation of a 17-year-old female and got out of hand. Asked the police for help and they caught her and put her in an ambulance with handcuffs. When got to hospital, ER staff advised police to remove handcuffs because she is a juvenile. Our staff and police staff advised against removing handcuffs but ER insisted. When they took handcuffs off, the patient went wild, kicked, bit staff and broke teeth of hospital staff. There are six total complaints against her from this incident.

Generator for Station #1 is coming in. On 5/28/24, they will disassemble the old one. They will take 3 weeks to complete.

Thank you to Saturday's crew, B. Sielck, A. Desantis, K. Albert, M. Weber, and G. Basista for working on septic system. The hose tower had golf ball lodged in drain, urinals had calcified and the pea traps in floor drains were clogged. All has been fixed. Crews have been notified to wash vehicles outside or take to Station #2 to wash. We do not want to fill up the septic field.

Thank you to on duty crew for cleaning up station #2 on Saturday. See if people in the community want to help with planting around the stations.

We have a line on purchasing a used fire engine. Crystal Lake purchased a new engine. A gentleman purchased Crystal Lakes old engine and he is willing to sell it to us for \$1.00 but needs a donation letter. T. Rishling motioned to purchase the engine for \$1.00 pending the outcome of a favorable inspection. D. Bruchsaler seconded the motion. Roll call vote: All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

1641 was on its way back to Station #1 and struck a deer. It took out a light bulb and a small dent on the officers' door.

The flags were replaced at both stations.

Discussed new door codes for police officers. Bull Valley Police was taken off door codes since they do not use our stations. T. Rishling advised he would like officers to use door fobs, but it would be at their expense. Pastor Dan will get a price on them and looking to see if we can add our system to County's system. In the meantime, we changed the Wonder Lake key code and County's key code.

Chief Weber advised we can install ring cameras in the front and back of each station. Trustees would like to do that.

Discussed blankets for electric car fires. Our spiller pay ordinance would cover billing owners for the blankets if used. T. Rishling suggested doing a marketing campaign to look to the community to see if anyone wants to donate them. They are around \$3,600.00 a piece.

Manpower is getting better than it was. B. Sielck is back working for Wonder Lake,

Lt. Spangler injured herself at her permanent job and is on medical leave.

Mike Reiken has resigned from the department.

There are two Lieutenants on leave. We would like to temporarily promote two Acting Officer positions until the ones on leave come back. Discussed Shift Commander position and the requirement of being in station.

There will be zero tolerance for disrespecting our Trustees and Officers with whatever role they are in at the time. There is a chain of command to follow for complaints.

Thanks to our crews who put our piers in and thanks to the marina for putting our lift in.

D/C Yegge found another vehicle for \$10,000.00 and has 96,000 miles on it. It will come with all the lights and just have to put Starcom in it. D. Bruchsaler motioned to purchase a 2014 Ford Expedition 2-wheel drive approximately 94,000 miles for \$10,000.00. M. Stierle seconded the motion. Roll call vote: All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

D/C Yegge would like a list of firefighters who live in Wonder Lake.

There are two members interested in a permanent part-time position.

Fire Manager calendar now has four shift spots. Officers are to sign up in the Shift Commander spot. If the Officer spot is not filled by the day of work, then Shift Commander will drop down to Officer spot.

In March, we had 7 days without a paramedic, 9 days with only two members on duty and 1 day with only one person on duty. We had 5 nights with no paramedics, 21 nights with only two members on duty and 1 night with only one person on duty.

We are in the process of producing a policy for reimbursing members for schooling. It will include minimum shift requirements and trainings.

Upcoming projects: Officer and acting officer, station remodel and locations, Shift Commander and Acting Officer training, RIT training, water rescue training.

The attorney advised we need to start looking at grants. There's a lot of money out there that we are leaving on the table.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

EXECUTIVE SESSION – M. Stierle motioned to go into Executive Session at 11:40 a.m. under five ilcs 120/2 for purposes of discussion on specific personnel, employment, or performance of specific employees. E. Gall seconded the motion. All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved. M. Stierle motioned to come out of Executive Session at 12:32 p.m. C. Hammerand 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. D. Bruchsaler motioned to approve the invoices and payroll for April 2024 totaling \$155,000.00. M. Stierle seconded the motion. Roll call vote: All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

E. Gall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:48 p.m. T. Rishling seconded the motion. All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

Will need to post decennial meeting for next month and give notice for next month. We will need to talk about anything we can improve and must be three meetings within 18 months.

Approved: _____ Trustee/Secretary: Michelle Stierle