

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

The Board of Trustees of the Wonder Lake Fire Protection District held their regular monthly meeting on June 24, 2024, at 9:35 a.m. at Station 1, Wonder Lake, IL

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Secretary/Trustee Michelle Stierle, Treasurer/Trustee Dave Bruchsaler, Trustees Cheryl Hammerand and Erv Gall, Chief Mike Weber, Deputy Chief Matt Yegge, Attorney Ericka Thomas and no members from the Department or public was present.

C. Hammerand motioned for D. Bruchsaler to run the meeting as President Pro Temp. E. Gall seconded the motion. All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The May 22, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes were reviewed. C. Hammerand motioned to approve the Minutes as written. E. Gall seconded the motion. All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: E. Gall motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report for June 2024. M. Stierle seconded the motion. Roll call vote: All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved. PBS collected a gross amount of \$43,460.95 for May 2024 and their fee was \$2,160.06.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

OLD BUSINESS – Discussed Down and Dirty and the ambulance engine problems. Attorney Thomas sent a letter prior to our last meeting and did not hear anything back. Chief Weber forwarded emails from a different attorney and Attorney Thomas left messages for that attorney as well and never heard anything back. L. Busse searched County records and it appears Down and Dirty has filed suit against the department. No one has been served papers yet. Per Attorney Thomas, now they have to talk to her once she files an appearance. E. Gall motioned to move forward with a counter suit of Down and Dirty if Attorney Thomas deems necessary. M. Stierle seconded the motion. Roll call vote: All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

Discussed budget. We are getting rid of stipends/salaries for Lieutenants and Battalion Chiefs. The pay for day and night will be the same. Discussed making a permanent part time position where someone would be working every third day (24/48, 3 days on and fourth shift would be off). They would work 196 hours. Would offer individual health insurance but family coverage would be at employee's expense. This position would come with time off (5 vacation days and three personal days). It would cost the District about \$8,700.00 per employee per year. There are four members interested. Attorney Thomas advised if an individual works 196 hours and there was an open shift and they took it, we would have to pay FSLA. D. Bruchsaler motioned to approve the draft budget. E. Gall seconded the motion. Roll call vote: All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved. Attorney Thomas will do a publication and we will vote on Budget and Appropriations Ordinance in August. C. Hammerand motioned to eliminate stipends/salaries for Lieutenants and Battalion Chiefs and increase hourly pay per position and offer permanent part time positions beginning 7/17/24. D. Bruchsaler seconded the motion. Roll call vote: All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

We have been approached by Lincolnshire FD about purchasing their used 2016 Ford F550 Ambulance for \$55,000.00. We have a lot of issues with our (2) 2009 ambulances. We would keep the better 2009 ambulance and sell the other. This would hold us over with a newer ambulance until our new one comes in next year. D. Bruchsaler motioned to research Lincolnshire ambulance and if we feel the need to go ahead and purchase it for

not more than \$55,000.00. M. Stierle seconded the motion. Roll call vote: All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

Attorney Thomas will work on employment contract for the Chief and Deputy Chief.

Discussed purchasing fourteen chairs for the stations at a cost of \$4,892.86. M. Stierle motioned to approve the purchase of fourteen chairs for the department not to exceed \$5,000.00. E. Gall seconded the motion. Roll call vote: all Trustees present vote Aye. Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS – None

ATTORNEY REPORT – None

TRUSTEES REPORT – C. Hammerand will be taking three continuing education classes. Discussed department sexual harassment class. E. Gall advised he took it through the County. Attorney Thomas advised it is advisable to go to the department class as well.

CHIEF'S REPORT – Total calls for May 2024 are 106. We provided mutual/auto aid twelve times and we received mutual/auto aid six times.

Chief Weber: Our open house is on 7/6/24. We will be having a member/family picnic at 11:00 a.m. The parade will begin at 1:00 and the ski show is at 4:00.

We received the donated engine and thanks to all who came down to accept the donation.

We added extra shifts for 7/6/24. Working with Wonder Lake Police to have a police officer and EMT on both police boat and fire boat.

Our donated engine is switched over. There are a few more things to add. Will do pump testing on Friday and if all goes well it will be put in service on Saturday. Our new engine is expected to be delivered late September.

A Def Filter has been ordered for the ambulance that was at Down and Dirty previously. One member will take 6495 to Marengo to get an estimate on fixing the side of it from hitting the building. It is still in service until scheduled work begins.

Stryker rep came out to fix the recall on our cots.

A storm hit Saturday night and our shift was short. We ended up doing seven calls in four hours and it was covered completely by Wonder Lake. Thanks to all who came out for call backs.

We received an impact fee check from Meadows of West Bay for \$7,656.00.

D/C Yegge: Working on Acting Officer program and station remodels.

We are doing more training with neighboring departments and will be doing some training with the police department. Started RIT training with Quad and worked out very well. Moving in the right direction training wise. Will do some training on the water this month.

Chief Weber is working on getting vests for department for active shooter.

Office of State Fire Marshal has a reimbursement program, but we need an ordinance in order to use it. We would like to start paying members to go to class but we need an Ordinance stating they must stay on the department for three years after class ends and have that amount of time to pay schooling back.

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 June 2024 totaling \$176,000.00. M. Stierle seconded the motion. Roll call vote: All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

E. Gall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m. M. Stierle seconded the motion. All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

Approved: _____ Trustee/Secretary: Michelle Stierle