

**WONDER LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 23, 2024**

The Board of Trustees of the Wonder Lake Fire Protection District held their regular monthly meeting on July 23, 2024, at 9:35 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 and Erv Gall, Chief Mike Weber, 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. E. Gall seconded the motion. All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** June 24, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes were reviewed. D. Bruchsaler motioned to approve the Minutes as written. 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 July 2024. E. Gall seconded the motion. Roll call vote: All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved. PBS collected a gross amount of \$36,118.19 for June 2024 and their fee was \$1,432.73.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – Received signature cards from bank for Trustees to sign.

**OLD BUSINESS** – Notice was published for Budget and Appropriations Ordinance on 7/20/24. Ready to go for August meeting to pass Budget and Appropriations Ordinance.

Discussed Chiefs contracts. Attorney Thomas will have a final contract ready for signature next month.

Per Attorney Thomas, the permanent part time positions are still an “at will” employee. It is the consensus of the Board to have permanent part-time employees get physicals. Discussed the increase of the insurance premium from what was originally quoted. M. Stierle motioned to pay the offset of the BCBS amount. T. Rishling seconded the motion. Roll call vote: All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

**NEW BUSINESS** – The Board directed the Chief to investigate ghost lettering on Chief and Deputy Chief vehicles.

Security System tabled until next month. Chief working on getting cameras put up.

**ATTORNEY REPORT** – Discussed training ordinance cost reimbursement. The chief will have something for next month.

Discussed State Fire Marshal Ordinance so we can collect reimbursement for OSFM courses. T. Rishling motioned to adopt Ordinance 2024-01 Illinois Fire Protection Training Act. E. Gall seconded the motion. Roll call vote: All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

Discussed Down and Dirty issue. We have been served with complaint and Attorney Thomas is in the process of serving counter claim. First appearance will be on 9/10/24. They will have to respond within 30 days.

Attorney Thomas entered her firm's appearance. The attorney advised us to discourage anyone from discussing issue with Down and Dirty. Refer them to Attorney Thomas.

**TRUSTEES REPORT** – Illinois Fire Chiefs Seminar in Peoria is 9/16/24-9/18/24. A few of our Trustees will attend to get credit for Trustee training.

Trustee County meeting is on 8/29/24 at the Vixen in McHenry. Five of our Trustees will attend.

**CHIEF'S REPORT** – Total calls for June 2024 are 118. We provided mutual/auto aid twelve times and we received mutual/auto aid four times. There were two days with no medic and three days with only two on crew. There were three-night shifts with no medic and nine nights with only two on duty. Working on getting shifts covered. We are hiring new members. We are having problems manning Gold shift.

We are missing a Starcom radio, and it has been disabled.

Lt. Kedrok and M. Yegge went to Lincolnshire to look at an ambulance. The cost is \$55,000.00 and it would take around \$5,000.00 to put it in service. The next new ambulance will not be delivered until January 2026. T. Rishling motioned to purchase the Horton ambulance from Lincolnshire for no more than \$55,000.00. M. Stierle seconded the motion. Roll call vote: All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

Will look into a grant for station remodel. Trustees want to apply for as many grants as possible.

The Village of Wonder Lake is hopeful to make Station #1 a municipal complex. The property owner is not in agreement. The District will try to work with the property owner.

Discussed doing active shooter training with Wonder Lake Police.

We are trying to get RIT, RTF and drivers training done before the end of the month.

Thanks to BC Young for coordinating water rescue training for members.

This year we sent 3 Explorers to IFSI training and combined with Spring Grove. Thanks to Sandra Valdez who went as a chaperone. Would like to train with Spring Grove more often.

The parade was a tremendous success. Thanks to all members who helped out. Gita Houston hosted a dog contest and made over \$500.00 for the Explorer Post. D/C Yegge and his son volunteered for the dunk tank. L. Busse's son also volunteered for the dunk tank.

Our old engine was donated to MCC.

Station 1 generator parts are in and should be up and running in the next two weeks.

Waiting on filter for ambulance 6495.

Working with the septic company to see if we can get an installation date.

Looking to get new engine in September. The new ambulance is to arrive January of 2026.

Trustees were advised to go to the bank and sign new signature cards.

M. Alcazar was hired full-time in Algonquin and resigned from our department effective 7/18/24.

We sent out letters to some who are not participating. Matt Niezgodzki, Brian Christ, and Tom Petska currently do not have time to give to this department. Will send them certified letters to make arrangements to return their department issued equipment.

We had two members complete BOF and will have FSVO training at the end of the month.

Three of our current EMT's will be taking the paramedic test within the next 2 months.

There are nine members interested in becoming a Lt. or A/O. D/C Yegge would like to see seven members promoted to Lt. and five members to B/C. T. Rishling advised he would rather have a growth program and not so heavy on officer positions.

**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 July 2024 totaling \$135,000.00. M. Stierle seconded the motion. Roll call vote: All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

C. Hammerand motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:23 a.m. E. Gall seconded the motion. All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Trustee/Secretary: Michelle Stierle