

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

The Board of Trustees of the Wonder Lake Fire Protection District held their regular monthly meeting on August 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 and Erv Gall, Chief Mike Weber, D/C 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.

D. Bruchsaler motioned to open the Budget Hearing at 9:35 a.m.. M. Stierle seconded the motion. Roll call vote: All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved. D. Bruchsaler motioned to close the Budget Hearing at 9:36 a.m. M. Stierle seconded the motion. Roll call vote: All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved. The budget was approved in June of 2024.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The July 23, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes were reviewed. E. Gall motioned to approve the Minutes as written. T. Rishling seconded the motion. All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: E. Gall motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report for August 2024. M. Stierle seconded the motion. Roll call vote: All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved. PBS collected a gross amount of \$57,826.99 for July 2024 and their fee was \$2,891.35.

CORRESPONDENCE – Received Local Election Petition Filing Training packet from County.

OLD BUSINESS – Discussed Chief/Deputy Chief employment contracts. As soon as it's signed it will go into effect and will expire 4/30/2025. It will automatically renew, unless Board or Chiefs would like a new contract. T. Rishling motioned to approve Deputy Chief employment contract. E. Gall seconded the motion. Roll call vote: All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved. E. Gall motioned to approve the Chiefs employment contract. M. Stierle seconded the motion. Roll call vote: All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

We put a committee together on how we can get more coverage. Current shift requirement are 4 shifts per month. We will bump that up to 5 shifts. We are thinking of plugging permanent part time schedules in first, then in the beginning of the month, members who aren't on a schedule will go in and sign up.

Discussed permanent part time positions. D/C Yegge would like one additional permanent part-time employee. This way we will have one permanent part-time worker on each shift. They could bank up to 180 hours of sick time and we pay 80% of their health insurance. Would like to give the permanent part time member who doesn't take the insurance \$5,500.00 at the end of their first year.

If someone calls in sick or a force back and we need to fill that shift on a short term notice, we would give a \$50.00 stipend if you fill that spot. Discussed offering members a \$100.00 gift card if they recommend someone for the department and that individual stays for a year. T. Rishling motioned to pay \$50.00 to members who pick up last minute call ins. D. Bruchsaler seconded the motion. Roll call vote: All Trustees

present voted Aye. Motion approved. D. Bruchsaler motioned to give a bonus of \$5,500.00 after 12 months of working for permanent part time position if they don't take the insurance option. M. Stierle seconded the motion. Roll call vote: All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved. M. Stierle motioned to start a referral program if a referred member stays 12 months, the member who referred them will get a \$100.00 gift card. C. Hammerand seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

Discussed security system and will get updated quote.

Discussed ghost lettering on Chief and Deputy Chief vehicles.

The ambulance from Lincolnshire should be available next week. The front end has been rebuilt.

NEW BUSINESS – None

ATTORNEY REPORT – Discussed training cost reimbursement. The employee will pay the class back through a payroll deduction over 2 years. If the employee stays 3 years, they will get 50% of the cost of the class back. If they leave in less time before the class is paid back, we will bill them for the remainder.

Update on Down and Dirty. Will need more information to file answers and counter claims. There will be a type of discovery schedule.

TRUSTEES REPORT – M. Stierle would like to move meetings to nights due to her new job. Mondays and Wednesdays work better for Attorney Thomas. Next months meeting will be on 9/25/24 at 5:00 p.m.

CHIEF'S REPORT – Total calls for July 2024 are 108 . We provided mutual/auto aid 16 times and we received mutual/auto aid 10 times.

Would like to increase B/C to 5 and LT to 7. Would like hiring process to be similar to D/C interviews. Once we get enough officers, they need to be more engaged with department not just coming in and working shifts.

Once the State comes in and inspects Lincolnshire ambulance, we can pick it up.

There needs to be updates to the stations.

RTF training with police dept. has slowed. Will finish up RIT training. Chief of Police still working on vests for us.

Discussed Dispatch agreement from McHenry County Sheriffs Office.

McHenry fire is updating their automatic aid agreement.

New engine will be available by end of September or first week in October. The final bill will be \$368,783.76 for engine.

Foster Coach advised next ambulance will come the beginning of 2025. D/C Yegge discussed possibly re-chassis for new ambulance.

Discussed Lionheart issue. The generator at Station #1 has been hooked up. They accidentally hooked a higher voltage line to lower voltage line and damaged some of our equipment: 3 garage doors, control panel on

6495, G2 and overhead paging system and treadmill. We will continue to check and make sure nothing else is affected. Lionheart has taken full responsibility.

A company will be putting solar panels on E. Wonder Lake Road and Rt. 120.

The police department would like us to write a letter stating the state should put a stop light up by the new subdivision and Valley View School on Rt. 120. Attorney Thomas advised it is not in our District and a letter should not be written.

Advised a few bills came in after checks were written for this meeting and would like to pay after the 1st of the month. M. Stierle motioned to pay the outstanding bills after the first of the month. C. Hammerand seconded the motion. Roll call vote: All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

The membership would like the District to pay for breast cancer t-shirts for the membership for the month of October. D. Bruchsaler motioned to purchase breast cancer t-shirts for the membership. M. Stierle seconded the motion. Roll call vote: All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

Discussed the Wonder Lake Community Club. Members of the community would like to help us get our body armor through donations to WLFDP. East End Pizza would like to have something October 19th and there would be a car show, vendors etc. There is no fee to be a vendor. It will be under the insurance of the LLC.

Discussed water department on the west side.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

EXECUTIVE SESSION – C. Hammerand motioned to go into Executive Session at 11:05 a.m. under five ilcs 120/2 for purposes of discussion on specific personnel, employment, or performance of specific employees. M. Stierle seconded the motion. Roll call vote: All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

Reconvened at 11:25 a.m.

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 August 2024 totaling \$155,000.00. D. Bruchsaler seconded the motion. Roll call vote: All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

M. Stierle motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:41 a.m. C. Hammerand seconded the motion. All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

Approved: _____ Trustee/Secretary: Michelle Stierle