

**WONDER LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 26, 2024, 6:00 P.M.**

The Board of Trustees of the Wonder Lake Fire Protection District held their regular monthly meeting on November 26, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at Station 1, Wonder Lake, IL

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Trustee/President Todd Rishling, Secretary/Trustee Michelle Stierle, Trustees Cheryl Hammerand (remotely) and Erv Gall, Chief Mike Weber, Deputy Chief Matt Yegge, Attorney Ericka Thomas and nine members from the Department or public was present.

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

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

The October 22, 2024, Closed Session Minutes were reviewed. E. Gall motioned to approve the Minutes as written and keep closed. M. Stierle seconded the motion. All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

The President from Macyn Jar did a presentation. They want to give back to communities. For every dollar donated, it will fund one jar for a child. The jars are filled with little toys and fidgets. They donated forty jars to the department. The jars are not suitable for children under three.

TREASURER'S REPORT: M. Stierle motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report for November 2024. C. Hammerand seconded the motion. Roll call vote: All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved. PBS collected a gross amount of \$50,646.10 for October 2024 and their fee was \$2,532.31.

LPL account had come to term and reinvested with LPL for 3-month CD. E. Gall motioned to approve moving the money to a 3-month CD. M. Stierle seconded the motion. Roll call vote: All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

T. Rishling motioned to renew the Wonder Lake CD for 3 months. M. Stierle seconded the motion. Roll call vote: All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

Discussed Sawyer Falduto Investments. Next month they will come and do a presentation for us.

CORRESPONDENCE – The final audit was handed out.

Johnny B sent in a proposal for snow plowing and it is as follows: West side at \$50.00 per plow and East side at \$60.00 per plow. M. Stierle motioned to accept Johnny B's proposal. E. Gall seconded the motion. Roll call vote: All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved. T. Rishling signed contract and L. Busse will send it back to Johnny B.

OLD BUSINESS – The black box publication has been placed and will run beginning of December. Attorney Thomas will have the Ordinance to sign next meeting.

Discussed Trustee Petitions for 4/1/25 election.

Discussed Fall O Ween Fest. Once we purchase the RTF items, we will let the public know.

NEW BUSINESS – None

ATTORNEY REPORT – Down and Dirty case was continued until January 14, 2025. Discovery has started. In the process of getting interrogatories and production of documents.

Attorney Thomas advised D/C Yegge there is a grant for station interior updates. D/C Yegge will look into.

Discussed the possibility of doing a fundraiser at the station and selling alcohol. Attorney Thomas does not think this is a good idea. Chief Weber advised they are looking into other venues.

TRUSTEES REPORT – None

CHIEF'S REPORT – Interview process for Lieutenant and Battalion Chief has been completed. Chief Weber will make recommendations in Executive Session. The B/C and LT list will be kept for one year and re-evaluate at that time. Thank you to Trustee Bruchsaler, Trustee Stierle, Ken Schroeder, Chief Klicker, Chief Horist and Chief Parter for help in the interview process.

Woodstock Fire Department and McHenry Fire Department have started a cadet program. Recruiting for FF/EMT/PM is getting tough. T. Rishling advised we need to sit down with County Trustees and discuss consolidation or shared resources. D/C Yegge advised that is a lengthy process to get put through. We have around twelve applicants that only have EMT certification. We need to get our training agreement completed so we can hire some of these people. Attorney Thomas will have it ready next month. T. Rishling would support taking a rig down to IFSI.

D/C Yegge is working on the 2024 AFG grant for gear. To replace everyone's gear it will cost \$115,000.00. We will apply to replace everyone's gear and have ten spare sets. There are a couple sets of gear getting close to expiration. Also, the gear we have is not fit for the members wearing them. Need to get 2021 data off of ESO for the grant. There is also a cost sharing if we get approved for grant.

D/C Yegge is working on class reimbursement form. Chief Weber is working on policy for permanent part timers.

There was some damage to D/C Yegge's vehicle during a minor accident in a parking lot with another car. Per Chief Weber the check has been received from insurance. D/C Yegge can drop the vehicle off to get repaired at any time. Will let insurance companies manage the claim for the other vehicle.

We applied for the 2024 IPRF grant in the amount of \$7,114.00. Chief Weber will apply for the 2025 IPRF grant in January. He would like the monies to go towards building surveillance, ice rescue sonar equipment and workout equipment.

New engine 1644 was delivered and have been training on it weekly. Our tentative date to put in service is December 8th and Pastor Dan will do a blessing on it. We do not have 100% compliancy with drivers but the members who have FAE who can engineer, and drive have been putting their drive time in.

Discussed donated engine.

Discussed selling ambulance 7877.

Starcom radios will be brought up to date and will be putting in a few more channels. Seacom will be primary and if goes down secondary will be McHenry County.

Breakfast with Santa is at Harrison School on December 7th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Some of the proceeds will be donated back to WLFDP and the Scouts. Santa will be there, and he will go to the celebration parade after breakfast.

Would like to set up a Venmo and Zelle for our department.

The fire department breakfast with Santa is 12/15/24 at station #1 and Lt. Spangler will be heading this up. All members and their families are welcome.

We updated the Verizon phones for ambulances and officers. The next project we have to work on is the iPad. Will be purchasing three new ones with docking stations. Our current iPad are so old they will not update anymore.

Discussed AFG grant.

Kurt Rodewald finished one grant.

Thank you to the Trustees for allowing the department to purchase gift cards for the members for Thanksgiving.

Will set up airboat training with Trustee Rishling.

Chief Weber would like to put FF/EMT Clair Patrick on the department. She is in medic class already through Richmond. T. Rishling motioned to hire Clair Patrick beginning 11/26/24. E. Gall seconded the motion. All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

Police Department is doing background checks on candidates. In January would like to determine how many single or no certification people we can support in Wonder Lake. Will do a grouping of people.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

EXECUTIVE SESSION M. Stierle motioned to go into Executive Session at 7:46 p.m. under five ilcs 120/2 for purposes of discussion on specific personnel, employment, or performance of specific employees. E. Gall seconded the motion. Roll call vote: All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

M. Stierle motioned to go into regular session at 8:14 p.m. T. Rishling seconded the motion. All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION – M. Stierle motioned to promote the following members to Lieutenant: Pat Devore, Hayden Norris, Matt Davidson, Kyle Mule, and Gage Duszak. E. Gall Seconded the motion. All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

M. Stierle motioned to promote the following people to fill Battalion Chiefs spots: Mark Buchanan, Jason Kedrok and Chris Kozel. E. Gall seconded the motion. All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

Congratulations to all who were promoted/hired.

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND PAYROLL – The invoices and payroll were presented for payment. E. Gall motioned to approve the invoices and payroll for November 2024 totaling \$180,000.00 . M. Stierle seconded the motion. Roll call vote: All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

M. Stierle motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m. C. Hammerand seconded the motion. All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

Approved: _____ Secretary/Trustee

