

**WONDER LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 18, 2025, 6:00 P.M.**

The Board of Trustees of the Wonder Lake Fire Protection District held their regular monthly meeting on March 18, 2025, 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 Trustee Erv Gall, Chief Mike Weber, Deputy Chief Matt Yegge, Attorney Megan and 18 members from the Department or public was present.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** February 25, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Trustee Stierle motioned to approve the Minutes as written. Trustee Bruchsaler seconded the motion. All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Trustee Stierle motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report for March 2025. Trustee Gall seconded the motion. Roll call vote: All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved. PBS collected a gross amount of \$31,541.33 for February 2025 and their fee was \$1,572.71.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – None

**OLD BUSINESS:** The investment policy with Sawyer/Falduto was presented to the Board. The policy is designed to give guidance to Sawyer/Falduto on how funds must be invested. The policy is based on Illinois State Statutes governing Investment of government funds. Trustee Gall motioned to approve the Investment Policy. Trustee Stierle seconded the motion. Roll call vote: All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

The Board discussed minimum balances to be kept in the Capital and Ambulance checking accounts held at First Secure Bank (Wonder Lake). President Rishling motioned to always maintain a minimum balance of \$5,000.00. Trustee Stierle seconded the motion. Roll call vote: All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

The Board discussed giving Administrative Assistant Laurie Busse authorization to request fund transfer once a month to pay monthly expenses. The Board must be included in the communications of said transfers request with Sawyer/ Falduto Investments. Treasurer/Trustee Bruchsaler motioned to approve third party authorization for Administrative Assistant Laurie Busse. Trustee Stierle seconded the motion. All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

Chief Weber and D/C Yegge presented the Tactical Gear examples to the Board that is being purchased. Chief Weber advised the Board the entire cost is being covered by the donations collected. The remainder funds left will purchase new DOT vests.

President/Trustee Rishling requested status of presentation for policy writing. Chief Weber stated he is not ready to present. Discussion tabled.

**NEW BUSINESS** – None

**TRUSTEES REPORT** – None

**ATTORNEY REPORT** – Attorney updated Board on the Social Security Fairness Act.

**CHIEF’S REPORT** – Deputy Chief Yegge presented 2024 department review changes and statistics along with where the department has been and where it’s going.

Chief Weber advised the Board that FF/EMT Basista was recognized by the Woodstock Fire Protection District for a cardiac arrest save on December 27, 2024 which he assisted with. Chief Weber also presented a certificate from Zoll (our cardiac monitor manufacture) “Clinical Save Award” for both himself, FF Basista and the Fire Protection District for the same incident. The Board thanked them for their efforts.

Chief Weber advised that B/C Rodewald, FF/EMT Mischke and FF/EMT Basista have completed the Wildland Tech Certification. FF/EMT DeSantis and FF/EMT Carsello both passed the written exam and still need to schedule the Pack Test to finalize their certification.

Lt. Mule passed his National Paramedic exam. Congratulations!

The homeowner of the recent house fire on Shady Lane dropped off a \$300.00 gift certificate donation. After this fire the Department supported the homeowner via social media to assist in immediate necessities etc. The Board recognized the homeowner and their family needs, but the Board requested the money and donation be given back to the family. The District appreciates the families thoughtfulness.

Chief Weber gave an update on the cyber fraud case. It appears the District at this time is unable to recover funds lost. The case is still being investigated by the authorities. The Board directed Chief Weber to check with the District Insurance company for a possible claim.

The District only received one bid for lawn mowing from Johnny B. LawnCare. The quote is: Station #1 \$65.00 per mowing and Station #2 is \$55.00 per mowing. Treasurer/Trustee Bruchsaler motioned to approve the bid by Johnny B Lawn Care for mowing services in 2025. Trustee Stierle seconded the motion. Roll call vote: All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

Chief Weber advised he is having difficulty reaching the previous owner of the E-One Engine in order to see if he wishes to buy the engine back. Chief Weber would like to place the Engine and the

Ambulance online to sell. The Board gave direction to reach out to Wauconda to see if they are interested in the engine first and if not then proceed with the online process.

Tuition Reimbursement form has a requirement for Trustee signature. The Chief asked if the Board signature is required. The Board wishes to keep it the same. The Board likes to have the opportunity to see the members when they make such requests. The Board likes to see the names and educational progress of the members.

Chief Weber advised the Board that The Village of Wonder Lake has included the Fire Station in its grant request with getting the water and sewer main to just beyond the Fire Station. This is no cost to the Fire District. The estimated start is near the end of May 2025. Chief Weber also advised that the cost to hook the Station to the water and sewer main is estimated to be \$220,000. Chief Weber stated a community member is graciously donating the funds to make that connection. The Board expressed their appreciation to the Village and the community member for including the Fire District and the donation.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Member Joe Houston expressed concerns, as a citizen, about one of the Trustees.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – None

**ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION** – None

**APPROVAL OF BILLS AND PAYROLL** – The invoices and payroll were presented for payment. Secretary/Trustee Stierle motioned to approve the invoices and payroll for March 2025 totaling \$120,000.00. Treasurer/Trustee Bruchsaler seconded the motion. Roll call vote: All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

Trustee Gall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m.; Treasurer/Trustee Bruchsaler seconded the motion. All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

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