

**WONDER LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 25, 2025, 9:30 A.M.**

The Board of Trustees of the Wonder Lake Fire Protection District held their regular monthly meeting on November 25, 2025, at MPOA Office, 7602 Hancock Drive at 9:30 a.m. Wonder Lake, IL

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Trustee/President Todd Rishling, Trustee/Treasurer Dave Bruchsaler, Secretary/Trustee Erv Gall, Trustees Rick Berndt and Jackie Basista, Chief Matt Yegge, Deputy Chief Bill Oeffling and Attorney Ericka Thomas and 3 members from the department or public were 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: October 28, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes were reviewed. R. Berndt motioned to approve the Minutes as written. E. Gall seconded the motion. All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

July 22, 2025, Executive Session Meeting Minutes were tabled until next month.

John Falduto with Sawyer Falduto explained the Schwab investment report and where we are at with our investments. Discussed laddering investments for the short term.

Discussed the department treasurer's report with reporting the actual Schwab statement.

Discussed earmarking funds for Capital Account. We hired Sikich to see if we can improve on what our processes are.

PUBLIC COMMENTS- Ray O'Brien is our new MPOA President.

Randy McCafferty wondered how long before Hancock Dr. will be finished. He was advised that the entire project was quoted for 441 days. Ray O'Brien advised he was told they are two months ahead of schedule. Randy McCafferty wondered if we have a plan if the workers aren't using trench boxes. He was advised we have SRT in place.

TREASURER'S REPORT: J. Basista motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report for November 2025. E. Gall seconded the motion. Roll call vote: All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved. PBS collected a gross amount of \$41,522.50 for October 2025 and their fee was \$2,021.98. Trustees would like a graph of how we did for the past 3 years.

CORRESPONDENCE – Received Proof of Publication for Proposed Property Tax Levy Increase.

OLD BUSINESS – Discussed engine on consignment.

Discussed insurance. Policy limits were discussed and will be adjusted according to the recommendations.

The increase in the agreed value on our policy would increase our costs by \$5,929.00.

Per Chief Yegge, we need to verify with George Thompson if they will give us a replacement vehicle and up to amount, we have it insured for. The insurance discussion is tabled until next month due to needing an answer on agreed value and replacement vs. getting fixed. Chief Yegge will contact George Thompson to get answers.

R. Berndt would like the insurance company to come out and inspect our property to make sure we are covered properly.

Discussed internet/phones/IT Service.

Accounting overview is tabled until next month.

Consulting firm tabled.

Chief Yegge has a message into a company to get a quote on mobile office hook up.

Capital Improvement Budget tabled

Discussed audit information. Overall, we spent less than we brought in.

Levy is set to be approved at the December meeting.

RFP is out for the shift commander car. Will be opening the quotes at the December meeting.

M. Yegge is researching cameras. T. Rishling advised this needs to be a priority. The B/C's have been addressed about leaving the overhead doors open at the stations.

Discussed picture boards and id cards. T. Rishling would like to get rid of the member picture boards at each station and replace them with action pictures. He would like to see members' pictures put on our website. Discussed having physical picture I.D. cards and having them on our phones.

NEW BUSINESS – J. Basista will be taking over the boy scout charter.

Our gas and electric utility contracts were renewed.

Discussed impact fees. The Village of Wonder Lake currently collects \$500.00 per home for Impact Fees and Trustees will keep it at that cost. T. Rishling will follow up with the Village of Ringwood

There is an RFP out for the truck.

There is a solar farm going in on E. Wonder Lake Road and Rt. 120.

TRUSTEES REPORT – E. Gall and D. Bruchsaler attended training last month at Cherry Valley for continuing education. Trustees need 12 hours for initial training and 6 hours of continuing education each year.

ATTORNEYS REPORT – Down and Dirty case has a status meeting next Thursday and will depose the main mechanic next week.

All social media posts should be reviewed by the Chief or J. Basista.

Chief Yegge and Attorney Thomas have had dialogue on security issues to protect Districts employees.

CHIEF'S REPORT – Water sampling agreement has been done with the Village of Wonder Lake, there is no progress on the Village of Wonder Lake putting an antenna on the tower.

1641 is going out to get fitted for extrication equipment in the first week of December.

Calls were up in October.

Will follow up on solar farm and impact fees.

East End is making a meal for the on-duty personnel on Thanksgiving.

D. Bruchsaler advised our 3 medic students are doing outstanding.

The Trustees thanked the Chiefs for all their efforts with the department.

EXECUTIVE SESSION None

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND PAYROLL – The invoices and payroll were presented for payment. R.Berndt motioned to approve the invoices and payroll for November 2025 totaling \$225,000.00. J. Basista seconded the motion. Roll call vote: All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

D. Bruchsaler motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 p.m. E. Gall seconded the motion. All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

Approved: _____ Trustee/Secretary: Erv Gall