

**WONDER LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 26, 2026, 9:30 A.M.**

The Board of Trustees of the Wonder Lake Fire Protection District held their regular monthly meeting on May 26, 2026, at the MPOA Office, 7602 Hancock Drive at 9:30 a.m. Wonder Lake, IL

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MEMBERS PRESENT: President/Trustee Todd Rishling, Secretary/Trustee Erv Gall, Trustee Rick Berndt, Treasurer/Trustee J. Bruchsaler, Chief Matt Yegge, Deputy Chief Bill Oeffling, Attorney Megan Lamb and 1 member from the department or public were present.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS- R. McCafferty asked if Chief had answers about flow test for city water. Chief Yegge advised approximately 2000 gallons a minute. All hydrants are live, except one, but testing has not been done yet.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 28, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes were reviewed. E. Gall motioned to approve the Minutes as written. R. Berndt seconded the motion. All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

April 28, 2026, Executive Session Minutes were reviewed. T. Rishling motioned to approve Minutes as written. R. Berndt Seconded the motion. All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: R. Berndt motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report for May 2026. E. Gall seconded the motion. Roll call vote: All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved. PBS collected a gross amount of \$52,073.64 for April 2026 and their fee was \$2,603.68.

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND PAYROLL – The invoices and payroll were presented for payment. J. Bruchsaler motioned to approve the invoices and payroll for April 2026 totaling \$190,000.00. E. Gall seconded the motion. Roll call vote: All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

CORRESPONDENCE – Received a bid for sealcoating from All Seal. We will get a few more bids before we make a decision.

J. Bruchsaler advised he received correspondence from American Tower. We are not interested in selling our towers at this time.

T. Rishling sent a thank you letter to the Village of Wonder Lake for installing fire hydrants by the fire department. The hydrants were used to fight the fire on Birch.

CHIEF'S REPORT- Discussed call on Birch Dr.

We received information from Ericka in regard to the missing radio. This was sent to the insurance, and we are waiting to hear back from them.

Discussed solar farm progress and grants they are seeking.

The Squad is listed. Two parties were interested but haven't heard back from them yet. R. Berndt would like the Squad to go to the auction block.

The new tender should be coming January 2027.

The new insurance declarations are received and correct.

The new ambulance is expected at the end of 2026.

Discussed new accounting firm and changing expenses from paying 60% from ambulance fund and 40% from the fire fund to paying 70% from ambulance fund and 30% from fire fund. J. Bruchsaler motioned we change expenses from 60/40 split to 70/30 split. E. Gall seconded the motion. Roll call vote: All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

Wonder Lake State Bank reached out, and they will come up with a proposal to keep our funds with them.

Met with the accountant and they helped with budget numbers. Moving forward we need to transfer money from Schwab in increments. Once for bills and twice for payroll. This way we can capture more interest. We need to make sure all our investments are collateralized.

Attorney Thomas reviewed the McGrath contract, and the amount is with expenses. We have not sent the signed contract yet.

Chief Yegge is putting information together on 2026-2027 purchases.

Discussed Plan 457 and Plan 115. The paperwork was sent back to John Spratt. The Trustees can be a part of these plans as well.

Working on FAE classes at McHenry Station #2.

Chief Yegge and D/C Oeffling are working on putting together information and data for ISO. Working with the Village of Wonder Lake to get information on hydrants.

We have 3 members in EMT class and one member retaking EMT class. Congrats to Ryan Mischke for becoming a paramedic.

There is a grant funded IFSI class in Wauconda this Saturday.

Station emergency phones are back up and working. We have cancelled our Frontier and MCI services which is saving us a lot of money.

Discussed Box Cards. We have a working EMS response and a working Fire response. This makes radio traffic simpler.

Battalion vehicle should be completed by the end of this week.

Working on schedules.

Discussed command boards. We have them for operations, RIT, safety and interior. Working on an overall command board for the Battalion vehicle to help chief officers when they arrive to help. This will help with better tracking, and everyone will be on the same page.

The boat has been in service for a month. The lift will be put in early this week, and we will be ready to respond from the lift.

Ambulance safety lane inspections are completed, and we are preparing for IDPH inspections.

St.#1 redecorating is completed. Harrison Hall had a leak but has been fixed. Landscaping is complete for Station #1 and Station #2 will be complete by end of month.

Discussed Explorer training. We have 4 active Explorers. Lt. Norris is overseeing the Explorer program. D/C Oeffling advised we need to reach out to schools to try and get more youth interested. J. Bruchsaler advised social media would be a good idea. McHenry and Woodstock have also started Explorer programs.

Discussed Fire Prevention Bureau. D/C Oeffling attended an OSFM firework class which had a lot of good resources. We received permits for our 4th of July fireworks.

J. Bruchasler asked about public CPR classes. Chief Yegge advised we don't have anything scheduled for the public yet. B/C Tress has overseen the CPR program. J. Bruchsaler would like to have 1-2 public CPR classes a year.

Discussed shift statistics.

Kudos to A-Tec for helping our members study for paramedic and EMT class.

OLD BUSINESS – Discussed I.D. cards. Our I.D. machine is broken. Will have to reach out to the police department or we will have to purchase a new machine.

Discussed Loud Brothers HVAC report. Both stations have old boilers, but they are working properly. It would cost \$17,000.00 to replace the rooftop air conditioning units. Will set a line item to earmark money to replace the units.

The cost to replace the sign at Station #1 is \$60,000.00. T. Rishling advised we have to weigh the cost/benefit of having the signs. With social media, we may not need to use the signs as much.

Discussed auto aid agreements.

Lt. Pat Ryan has resigned from the WLFPD effective immediately.

NEW BUSINESS – Discussed IPWMAN agreement. Attorney Lamb is concerned because she couldn't find their bylaws. The concern is we aren't a public works organization and IPWMAN is for public works. Chief Yegge would like to table this for a month.

TRUSTEES REPORT – The State Conference is 6/11-6/13 in Peoria.

ATTORNEYS REPORT – Working on summary judgements for Down and Dirty.

House bill 4292 would allow fire departments to move funds from ambulance to another fund. It can happen once a year if it is not detrimental to the District and can only happen if funds aren't appropriated for any other purpose.

There is a bill that would require neighboring jurisdictions response to bill at their rate however, fire departments are exempt from this.

Senate bill 2102 would allow you to file budget online with County.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

J. Bruchsaler motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:12 a.m. E. Gall seconded the motion. All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

Approved: _____ Trustee/Secretary: Erv Gall