

**WONDER LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 25, 2026, 9:30 A.M.**

The Board of Trustees of the Wonder Lake Fire Protection District held their regular monthly meeting on August 25, 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, Treasurer/Trustee J. Bruchsaler, Secretary/Trustee Erv Gall, Trustees Jackie Basista and Rick Berndt, Chief Matt Yegge, Battalion Chief Dave Harwood, Attorney Ericka Thomas and one 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- None

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: J. Basista motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report for August 2026. R. Berndt seconded the motion. Roll call vote: All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved. PBS collected a gross amount of \$56,501.98 for July 2026 and their fee was \$2,825.10.

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND PAYROLL – The invoices and payroll were presented for payment. J. Basista motioned to approve the invoices and payroll for July 2026 totaling \$185,000.00. R. Berndt seconded the motion. Roll call vote: All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

CHIEF'S REPORT- Discussed budget. During the first three months of the fiscal year, the expenditures are in line with the budget.

New ambulance is still scheduled for January 2027.

Discussed solar farm. Chiefs had a meeting with the solar farm personnel. They want more information on the UTV. They would like to go live with the solar farm in October. We had an agreement with them to have the UTV in before they went live.

Discussed new tender. Wonder Lake Fire Protection District can send 4 people down to Florida to do a pre inspection on the tender.

We have a few new members getting physicals.

Chief Yegge sent more information to the consulting firm about new subdivisions going into the District.

Seal coating is starting today.

We worked with Woodstock and McHenry with position training.

The station's water and sewer hookup should be done by the end of September. We will need water meters at both stations. We will need to install an RPZ at Station #2 which will cost approximately \$5,000.00.

Discussed Stonewater subdivision. They are projected to have a total of 3700 homes. They have not started on any of the homes slated for our District.

Village of Wonder Lake is still working on the antenna for the cell tower.

Will schedule all company meeting soon.

There is an opportunity for a grant through the Thornton family. They are a nonprofit organization who provide grants for fire service. Chiefs are putting a list together for water rescue equipment and will apply for the grant within the next 30 days.

Property insurance is due on 11/1/26. Chief Yegge is meeting with George Thompson to go over renewal. Chief would also like to get quotes from other companies which he will bring to the Board meeting next month.

We had two members take the National EMT and pass. Those members were Jack Collins and Brodee Vermette. Sean Ryan will be taking the test in a few weeks, and Hunter Menzel will be taking it on Friday.

We set up an account with Motorola to get any radios fixed that should need repair.

Lt. Norris resigned from the department this month. A. Desantis is on leave of absence.

Working on ISO policies and information.

Will be doing inspections once we adopt the 2021 fire code ordinance.

Discussed call statistics. Chief Yegge will run reports for Trustees on types of calls we receive.

We had a few fires this month with no injuries.

OLD BUSINESS – Discussed capital improvement budget. We will be outfitting vehicles with new tools.

The Village of Wonder Lake is not part of IPWMAN. B/C Young spoke with MABAS, and we should automatically receive resources through MABAS. MABAS will work on getting information out.

NEW BUSINESS – Trustees signed training agreements for G. Duszak, J. Scherdin, S. Valdez and B. Herdus.

TRUSTEES REPORT – Reminder, to abide by the opens meeting act, never respond “ALL” to any emails.

ATTORNEYS REPORT – Discussed Ordinance 2026-03 Adopting the Fire Prevention Code for the WLFPD. Per Attorney Thomas, the District must have the full version of the code available for the public. We can put it on our website if we choose. R. Berndt motioned to adopt Ordinance 2026-03 Adopting the Fire Prevention Code (2021 International Code). E. Gall seconded the motion. All Trustees present voted Aye except T. Rishling who was not present in the room at that time.

Discussed Down and Dirty case. Discussed a motion to reconsider. The Board agrees to file the motion. Attorney Thomas will report back after it is done.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

E. Gall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:57 a.m. R. Berndt seconded the motion. All Trustees present voted Aye. Motion approved.

Approved: _____ Trustee/Secretary: Erv Gall