

**Minutes of the October 22, 2020
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the
West Chicago Fire Protection District
Held at Fire Station One
200 Fremont Street, West Chicago, Illinois**

Opened meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Charles Bratcher with Trustees Anthony Gagliardi, Jim Grobe, Pat Murphy, and Steve Usedom also in attendance. Also present were Chief Pat Tanner; Assistant Chief Tim Leidig; accountant James Howard; and attorneys Joe Miller and Ryan Morton.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 24, 2020 were reviewed. Trustee Murphy made a motion to accept the minutes as written, the motion was seconded by Trustee Usedom, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Accountant James Howard presented the financial report for August. Another large tax payment came in since the last report, which means revenues were at 87 percent of budget, while expenditures are only at 29.2 percent, a third of the way through the budget year. Howard still expects more tax revenue due to COVID-19 delays. The GEMT program also has added to an increase in ambulance billing.

Trustee Bratcher announced that the account payables for the District for the period of September 25, 2020 through October 22, 2020 totaled \$201,153.48. Trustee Bratcher also announced that the payroll for the District as of October 22, 2020 was \$442,366.94. Trustee Gagliardi made a motion to approve the total amount of expenditures for the District of \$643,520.42. The motion was seconded by Trustee Grobe. Roll call vote showed:

Trustee Gagliardi – Aye	Trustee Grobe – Aye	Trustee Murphy- Aye
Trustee Bratcher – Aye	Trustee Usedom – Aye	

Motion passed 5 – 0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. **Intergovernmental:** No report.
- b. **Finance and Planning:** No report.

c. Divisional Reports:

- i. **Administration:** No report.
- ii. **Emergency Medical Services:** Chief Tanner reported that there has been an uptick in COVID-19 cases, as the District is transporting more positive patients. He is ramping up station precautions again. Another employee tested positive, but he was off-duty and was exposed through his spouse, so there were quarantines required for District personnel. Deputy Chief Leidig also mentioned that the District received a large quantity of disposable masks from Ford to add to its supply.
- iii. **Fire Prevention and Education:** No report.
- iv. **Fire Suppression and Training:** Chief Tanner filled in the Board on the success of the recent canine training at the Kress Road pile for rescue certification. Not only did the District clear \$7,400 during the event, but it was well-received with a lot of praise for the District's operation. Chief Tanner is looking to continue developing the amenity.
- v. **Building/Equipment/Fleet/Capital Improvement:** Chief Tanner informed the Board that the District was able to secure a Kawasaki mule for free online. President Bratcher asked about the stove purchase. Chief Tanner responded that it has not happened yet because they are having some difficulty finding one with the automatic shut-off that is needed.

- d. **Commissioners and Community Liaison:** The Commission will begin the search for a new hire and a promotion to lieutenant. The old list for new hires expires in January, so new candidates will interview in November.

UNION LOCAL 3970: No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: Attorney Morton informed the Board that the lawsuit against the repair shop has now transferred to Kane County, with a court date in November.

MISCELLANEOUS: Due to Thanksgiving and Christmas, the next two scheduled Board meetings (November 26 and December 24) have been rescheduled for November 19 and December 17.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS: Attorney Miller informed the Board about DuPage County falling into a new tier of restrictions per the Governor's COVID-19 plan. Accountant Howard presented

an overview of the proposed 2020 tax levy. The Consumer Price Index is at 2.3 percent and EAV is estimated to increase a total of 3.0 percent. The Board made a determination that Truth in Taxation publication is not necessary because the levy will not ask for more than an increase of 4.99 percent. Attorney Miller recommended that the Board approve the tax levy at the November meeting.


CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Trustee Gagliardi to enter into closed session for the discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation and benefits of specific employees of the District. Motion seconded by Trustee Murphy and approved unanimously on a roll call vote at 7:35 p.m.

ACTION ON THE CLOSED SESSION DISCUSSION: The Board returned from closed session at 7:44 p.m. A motion was made by Trustee Murphy to approve the Retirement Agreement with Lieutenant James Buenrostro. The motion was seconded by Trustee Grobe. Roll call vote showed:

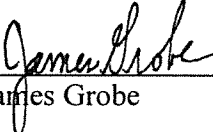
Trustee Gagliardi – Aye	Trustee Grobe – Aye	Trustee Murphy- Aye
Trustee Bratcher – Aye	Trustee Usedom – Aye	

Motion passed 5 – 0.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Trustee Murphy and seconded by Trustee Gagliardi to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



Charles Bratcher President



James Grobe Secretary