

**Minutes of the October 27, 2016  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the  
West Chicago Fire Protection District  
held at 7:00 pm at  
200 Fremont Street, West Chicago, IL**

---

Opened meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Charles Bratcher with Trustee Bonnie Gagliardi, Trustee Jim Grobe and Trustee Pat Murphy present. Also present were Attorneys Joe Miller and Vlad Shuliga, Accountant James Howard from Governmental Accounting, Chief Pat Tanner, Assistant Chief Tim Leidig and Administrative Assistant Joy Edminson.

Also in attendance were Battalion Chief Wade Johnson and Steve Usedom.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 22, 2016 were reviewed. Trustee Murphy made a motion to accept the minutes as written, the motion was seconded by Trustee Grobe, motion passed.

Minutes of the Closed Session held on September 22, 2016 were reviewed. Trustee Gagliardi made a motion to accept the minutes as written, the motion was seconded by Trustee Grobe, motion passed.

James Howard gave a Power Point presentation on the Financial Analysis for the four (4) months ending September 30, 2016. Hard copy included with Minutes. No questions from the Board.

James Howard gave a Power Point presentation on the 2016 Proposed Tax Levy. Points in Report:

- Primary Source of revenue to operate the District are property taxes
- CPI = 0.7% (Second lowest in last 10 years)
- EAV is estimated to increase a total of 3.0%
- New growth is estimated at 1,000,000 (Prior year 824,020)
- EAV increase will result in the decrease in the aggregate tax (District capped back as a result to PTELL)
- Current models are at 4.99% and do not require publication or hearing in accordance with Truth in Taxation Act < 5%

Hard copy included with Minutes. No questions from the Board. Attorney Miller will draft an Ordinance for the next meeting for review and approval. Deadline to file 2016 Tax Levy with the County is the last Tuesday of December.

The Financial Report/Chart of Accounts ending September 30, 2016 and the Accounts Payable of \$281,270.03 and Payroll of \$385,922.69 for September 23, 2016 through October 27, 2016 totaling \$667,192.72 were presented. Trustee Murphy made a motion to accept the Financial Reports as presented, Trustee Gagliardi seconded. Roll call vote showed:

Trustee Murphy - Aye  
Trustee Grobe - Aye

Trustee Gagliardi - Aye  
Trustee Bratcher - Aye

Motion passed 4 - 0.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL:** No Report.

**FINANCIAL/ PLANNING:** Chief Tanner informed the Board that Assistant Chief Leidig was successful in getting a \$45,000 Grant for a Simulator. The Grant will pay \$40,910.00 and WCFPD is responsible for the remaining \$4,090.00. AC Leidig is also working on a \$450,000.00 Grant for Air Packs and a \$450,000.00 Grant for Aircraft Simulators. These Grants will not be granted until March of 2017. Discussion was had on the proposed equipment usage if Grants are approved.

## **DIVISIONAL REPORTS:**

**ADMINISTRATION:** Discussion had on the appointment of a Trustee to the Pension Fund Board. Attorney Miller informed the Board that the District Board President has the authority to appoint a Trustee. President Bratcher will take this into consideration and will come back to the District with his decision.

Chief Tanner informed the Board that the new Firefighter/Paramedic, Jim Fritz, has started attending the nine-week long Fire Academy which runs through December 16th at which time, Firefighter Fritz will begin two weeks of days and will be on shift the beginning of January 2017.

Chief Tanner shared that the Retirement Celebration for Dave Janaes held on Friday, October 21 was a big success. Janaes was very surprised and appreciative of both the party and the Dedication of Engine 5 in his name.

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES:** No Report.

**FIRE PREVENTION AND EDUCATION:** Chief Tanner shared that the Open House held on October 9<sup>th</sup> and the Fish Fry held on October 13<sup>th</sup> were both well attended and positive events.

**FIRE SUPPRESSION AND TRAINING:** Chief Tanner shared that the Full-on Mass Casualty, Multi patient Drill held at the DuPage Airport on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> was a huge success.

**EQUIPMENT/FLEET/CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT:** No Report.

**COMMISSIONERS/ COMMUNITY LIAISON:** The Commissioners are currently working on the new Firefighter/Paramedic Hiring list and then will be working on the new Battalion Chief and Lieutenant lists after the first of the year.

**UNION LOCAL 3970:** No Report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None at this time.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

After putting the Battery Operated Stretcher out to bid, only one bid came back.

Trustee Murphy made a motion to approve the purchase of one Ferno INX Battery Operated Stretcher for \$31,566.00. The motion was seconded by Trustee Grobe. Roll call showed.

Trustee Murphy - Aye  
Trustee Gagliardi - Aye

Trustee Grobe - Aye  
Trustee Bratcher - Aye

Motion passed 4 – 0.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None at this time.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** None at this time.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** Nothing at this time.

**ATTORNEY COMMENTS:** Attorney Joe Miller distributed a list of updated Illinois Laws that have recently changed highlighting the following laws:

- Sick Leave Act
- New Resident Charges
- Local Government Travel Expense

**CLOSED SESSION:** At 7:43 p.m., Trustee Murphy made a motion to enter into closed session for discussion concerning the employment, compensation and benefits of a specific employee of the District. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gagliardi. Motion passed.

Reconvened to Regular Open Session at 7:52 p.m. In attendance when reconvened were Trustee Bratcher, Trustee Gagliardi, Trustee Grobe, Trustee Murphy, Chief Tanner, Assistant Chief Leidig and Attorneys Miller and Shuliga.

**POSSIBLE ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION:** Trustee Murphy made a motion to settle the Workers Comp Claim to Firefighter/Paramedic Jason Morrow in the amount of \$4,719.73 (Four-Thousand, Seven Hundred and Nineteen Dollars and Seventy-Three Cents), motion seconded by Trustee Gagliardi. Roll call showed:

Trustee Murphy - Aye  
Trustee Grobe - Aye

Trustee Gagliardi - Aye  
Trustee Bratcher - Aye

Motion passed 4 – 0.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion was made by Trustee Gagliardi and seconded by Trustee Grobe to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

**The Next Meeting will be held Thursday, November 17, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Grobe".

Jim Grobe  
Secretary