

**Minutes of the November 19, 2020  
Special Meeting – Teleconference of the Board of Trustees of the  
West Chicago Fire Protection District  
Held Virtually**

This meeting was convened through electronic means in accordance with Section 7(e) of the Open Meetings Act and the State's disaster declaration regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and the Board President's determination that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent. The notice and agenda for this meeting included the necessary conference log-in information, allowing any members of the public to attend.

The Special Meeting - Teleconference was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Charles Bratcher with Trustee Jim Grobe, and Trustee Steve Usedom in attendance virtually. Trustee Pat Murphy joined via phone. Also joining virtually from Station 6 was Chief Pat Tanner and Assistant Chief Tim Leidig. Others joining virtually were Attorney Joe Miller and Administrative Assistant Joy Edminson. *Trustee Anthony Gagliardi virtually joined the meeting at 7:13 p.m.*

Others in attendance virtually: Gary Kosnoff and Agnes Dalecki from One Digital Health and Benefits, Lt. Jeff Keefe and Firefighter Todd Baseggio.

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS: None**

**Presentation of future Medical, Dental and Life Insurance rates by Gary Kosnoff and Agnes Dalecki from One Digital Health and Benefits:** Gary Kosnoff reviewed the 2021 proposed insurance options. Kosnoff provided handouts showing current costs and proposed options for health, dental, vision and life insurance for 2021. The negotiated renewal health insurance with Blue Cross Blue Shield had an increase of 5.8% (% includes a 1% off medical if renewing Life insurance policy with BCBS Dearborn). Dental and Vision premiums remain the same with a one-month premium credit on both. Kosnoff noted that changing Life insurance to Blue Cross Blue Shield will give 1% off medical insurance. Kosnoff also shared the renewal history since 2015 showing initial renewal percentages vs final negotiated renewal percentages.

*Gagliardi*  
*Trustee Usedom* joined the teleconference virtually at 7:13 p.m.

Trustee Usedom made a motion to accept the 2021 **Health Insurance renewal** option with Blue Cross Blue Shield with One Digital Health and Benefits as presented, the motion was seconded by Trustee Grobe. Roll call vote showed:

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

Motion passed 5 ayes.

Trustee Grobe made a motion to accept the 2021 **Dental Insurance renewal** option with Guardian Insurance with One Digital Health and Benefits as presented, the motion was seconded by Trustee Usedom. Roll call vote showed:

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

Motion passed 5 ayes.

Trustee Gagliardi made a motion to accept the 2021 **Life Insurance option** with Blue Cross Blue Shield with One Digital Health and Benefits as presented and receive a 1% discount on the BCBS Health insurance, the motion was seconded by Trustee Grobe. Roll call vote showed:

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

Motion passed 5 ayes.

Trustee Murphy made a motion to accept the 2021 **Vision Insurance renewal** option with Guardian Insurance with One Digital Health and Benefits as presented, the motion was seconded by Trustee Usedom. Roll call vote showed:

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

Motion passed 5 ayes.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 22, 2020 were reviewed. Trustee Usedom made a motion to accept the minutes as written, the motion was seconded by Trustee Grobe. Roll call vote showed:

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

Motion passed 5 ayes.

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

No presentation from Governmental Accounting of the Financial Analysis.

Trustee Bratcher announced that the account payables for the District for the period of October 23, 2020 through November 19, 2020 totaled \$224,013.35 and payroll for the District as of November 19, 2020 was \$462,672.97. Trustee Murphy made a motion to approve the total amount of expenditures for the District of \$686,686.32, seconded by Trustee Usedom.

Roll call vote showed.

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

Motion passed 5 ayes.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. **Intergovernmental:** No report.
- b. **Finance/Planning:** WCFPD submitted for Corona Relief Revenue from the County and has been preliminarily approved for \$244,125.00. This will be used for supplies and overtime due to COVID-19.

- c. **Divisional Reports:**

**Administration:** No report.

**Emergency Medical Services:** WCFPD has had a steady number of COVID-19 cases amongst the staff from outside exposures.

**Fire Prevention and Education:** Inspections have slowed down again due to COVID. Masks are required while on duty and trainings have been suspended.

**Fire Suppression and Training:** No report

**Building/Equipment/Fleet/Capital Improvement:** The new engine will be delivered next week and will go to dealer for dealer prep. Engine should be in service before the next BOT meeting.

Station 5 had to replace the boiler for the underground floor heating system.

Station 7's underground floor heating system is in worse condition than Station 5. The District is looking into options and getting quotes, including option of an overhead system like station 6 currently has. The Board agreed that the overhead system (with cost of \$27,000) would be a better option and gave the Chief the go ahead to purchase as an Emergency Purchase and have it ratified at the next meeting.

- d. **Commissioners and Community Liaison:** Commissioners completed the oral interviews with candidates. Assistant Chief Leidig shared that a firefighter has been hired and he has accepted, pending background checks.

**UNION LOCAL 3970:** No report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) **Ordinance 2020-O-06:** An Ordinance Levying and Assessing Taxes of the West Chicago Fire Protection District, DuPage County, Illinois for 2020. Board discussed. Joe Miller explained that the Bond was not included in the Levy Ordinance.

A motion was made by Trustee Murphy to approve **Ordinance 2020-O-06**. An Ordinance Levying and Assessing Taxes of the West Chicago Fire Protection District DuPage County, Illinois for 2020. Motion seconded by Trustee Grobe. Roll call vote showed:

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

Motion passed 5 ayes.

Joe Miller asked that the Ordinance be signed and sent to him so it can be filed by the last Tuesday of December 2020.

- b) **Resolution 2020-R-06:** A Resolution to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of West Chicago and the West Chicago Fire District regarding the sale of 215 Smith Road, West Chicago, Illinois.

Chief Tanner explained that the net to the District will be \$54,900 after costs to the City of West Chicago. Miller spoke highly of the relationship between the District and the City.

A motion was made by Trustee Gagliardi to approve **Resolution 2020-R-06**. A Resolution to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of West Chicago and the West Chicago Fire District regarding the sale of 215 Smith Road, West Chicago, Illinois. Motion seconded by Trustee Usedom. Roll call vote showed:

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

Motion passed 5 ayes.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** None.

**ATTORNEY COMMENTS:** Attorney Joe Miller explained that Illinois is again on Mitigation Tier 3 regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

**CLOSED SESSION:** None needed.

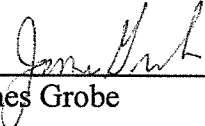
**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Trustee Murphy and seconded by Trustee Usedom to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Roll call vote showed.

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

Motion passed 5 ayes.

**The Next Board Meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 17, 2020 and will be held virtually.**

  
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James Grobe                      Secretary

