

**Minutes of the December 17, 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 Anthony Gagliardi, Trustee Jim Grobe, and Trustee Steve Usedom in attendance virtually. *Trustee Pat Murphy was absent.* Also joining virtually from Station 6 was Chief Pat Tanner and Assistant Chief Tim Leidig. Others joining virtually were Attorney Ryan Morton and Administrative Assistant Joy Edminson. *Attorney Joe Miller virtually joined the meeting at 7:08 p.m.*

Others in attendance virtually: BC Jeff Keefe, BC Wade Johnson and Firefighter Greg Zudis.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS: None**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes of the Special Meeting held on November 19, 2020 were reviewed. Trustee Usedom pointed out the following corrections:

1. On first page it shows Trustee Usedom as joining the meeting at 7:13 and it should say Trustee Gagliardi.
2. The bottom of each page should say Nov. 19, 2020 – Special meeting.
3. Others in attendance should read BC Jeff Keefe.

Trustee Usedom made a motion to accept the minutes with above corrections, the motion was seconded by Trustee Grobe. Roll call vote showed:

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

Motion passed 4 ayes – 1 absent.

Minutes of the Closed Session held on October 22, 2020 were reviewed. It was pointed out the following correction needed to be made:

1. Heading should say meeting was held at station six not one

Trustee Gagliardi made a motion to accept the minutes with above correction, the motion was seconded by Trustee Grobe. Roll call vote showed:

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

Motion passed 4 ayes – 1 absent.

#### **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 November 19, 2020 through December 17, 2020 totaled \$253,572.86 and payroll for the District as of December 17, 2020 was \$410,729.20. Trustee Usedom made a motion to approve the total amount of expenditures for the District of \$664,302.06, seconded by Trustee Grobe. Roll call vote showed.

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

Motion passed 4 ayes – 1 absent.

*Attorney Joe Miller joined the meeting at 7:08 p.m.*

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- a. **Intergovernmental:** No report.
- b. **Finance/Planning:** Chief Tanner informed the Board that the Smith Road property sale fell through. The City of West Chicago will continue to maintain the property while on the market.

#### **c. Divisional Reports:**

**Administration:** Chief Tanner informed the Board that the K9 and Drone teams have been called out 6 or 7 times the last month.

#### **Emergency Medical Services:**

- a. **COVID-19 Update:** The WCFPD members have been out one or two at a time due to COVID. The Chief is working with DuPage County and the hospital regarding the COVID-19 vaccine distribution. Tanner shared that it will not be mandatory that WCFPD members receive the vaccine, it will be an option.

**Fire Prevention and Education:** No report.

**Fire Suppression and Training:** Trainings are still only being held per station, still no multi company trainings.

**Building/Equipment/Fleet/Capital Improvement:** The heaters discussed at last meeting are being installed. The new engine is in and at the radio shop, it should be in service by end of the year.

- d. **Commissioners and Community Liaison:** The firefighter that accepted position last month changed his mind. Another offer has been made for the open spot. Position will hopefully be filled by end of year or beginning of 2021.

**UNION LOCAL 3970:** No report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** No report

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) Motion to approve the **purchase of 7 sets of replacement firefighter gear** for an amount not to exceed \$21,335. This is a budgeted item and is part of an annual replacement program.

There was discussion on which account this purchase will be applied to. Chief Tanner explained the replacement schedule and the need to eventually go to a second set of gear for everyone.

A motion was made by Trustee Usedom to approve the **purchase of 7 sets of replacement firefighter gear** for an amount not to exceed \$21,335. Motion seconded by Trustee Gagliardi. Roll call vote showed:

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

Motion passed 4 ayes – 1 absent.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** None.

**ATTORNEY COMMENTS:** Attorney Joe Miller discussed member's choice for receiving the COVID-19 vaccine and that a sample policy is in the works.

**CLOSED SESSION:** None needed.

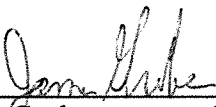
**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Trustee Gagliardi and seconded by Trustee Grobe to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Roll call vote showed.

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

Motion passed 4 ayes – 1 absent.

**The Next Board Meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 28, 2020.**

  
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James Grobe                      Secretary