

**Minutes of the February 24, 2022
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the
West Chicago Fire Protection District
Meeting held at
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 (via telephone) with Jim Grobe, Steve Usedom and Ruben Campos in attendance. Also present were BC Jeff Keefe, Lt. Ric Ciszewski, Melissa Medeiros, Accountant James Howard, Attorney Joe Miller, and Administrative Assistant Kimberly Lezza.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment heard during this meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the Special Meeting held on January 27, 2022 were reviewed. Trustee Usedom made a motion to accept the minutes as written, the motion was seconded by Trustee Campos, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Accountant James Howard presented the financial report for the period ending February 24, 2022.

Trustee Bratcher announced that the account payables for the District for the period of January 27, 2022 through February 24, 2022 totaled \$422,378.64. Trustee Bratcher also announced that the payroll for the District as of February 24, 2022 was \$385,560.70. Trustee Usedom made a motion to approve the total amount of expenditures for the District of \$807,939.34. The motion was seconded by Trustee Grobe. Roll call vote showed:

Trustee Campos- Aye

Trustee Bratcher – Aye

Trustee Usedom – Aye

Trustee Grobe - Aye

Motion passed 4 – 0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a. Divisional Reports:

Asst. Chief Leidig stated that the Commissioners interviewed 13 candidates, after exhausting our current list. Asst. Chief Leidig along with Chief Tanner will work on the preference points and interview scores for the 12 candidates. The Chiefs will have a list ready for review by the Commissioners at their quarterly meeting on Wednesday. The Chiefs will seek candidate #2 to fill the vacancy. Chief Tanner stated the District be looking at the next candidate testing through the College of DuPage Consortium.

Chief Tanner noted that the contract negotiations are going well and very close to both sides to ratify.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Motion to approve the hire of FF Brad Carmody as recommended by the Board of Fire Commissioners.

Trustee Grobe made a motion to approve the hire of FF Brad Carmody as recommended by the Board of Fire Commissioners. Motion seconded by Trustee Campos. Roll call showed:

Trustee Campos- Aye Trustee Bratcher – Aye Trustee Usedom – Aye

Trustee Grobe - Aye

Motion passed 4 – 0.

- a. Motion to approve a contract with On Point Painting to repair and paint all living area walls in Station 5, 6 & 7 in an amount not to exceed 10,524.00.

Trustee Campos made a motion to approve a contract with On Point Painting to repair and paint all living area walls in Station 5, 6 & 7 in an amount not to exceed 10,524.00. Motion seconded by Trustee Grobe. Roll call showed:

Trustee Campos- Aye Trustee Bratcher – Aye Trustee Usedom – Aye

Trustee Grobe - Aye

Motion passed 4 – 0.

- b. Ordinance 2022-O-01, An Ordinance to Amend an Ordinance Assessing Fees for Review and Approval of Building Plans with Respect to Construction within the Boundaries of the West Chicago Fire Protection District.

Chief Tanner stated that is has been 9 years since the rates were increased. Fire Marshal Joe Buenrostro worked on a rate comparison of surrounding towns to aid in the decision-making process for the proposed new rates.

Trustee Usedom made a motion to approve Ordinance 2202-O-01, An Ordinance to Amend an Ordinance Assessing Fees for Review and Approval of Building Plans with Respect to Construction within the Boundaries of the West Chicago Fire Protection District. Motion seconded by Trustee Campos. Roll call showed:

Trustee Campos- Aye Trustee Bratcher – Aye Trustee Usedom – Aye

Trustee Grobe - Aye

Motion passed 4 – 0.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- a. Chief Tanner mentioned that Sawyer Falduto will be out next month to review our portfolio.
- b. James will provide a presentation for the GEMT program.
- c. We are still waiting on the Naperville study results, so the District can revisit increasing ambulance billing rates.
- c. Discussion with Attorney Joe Miller and Trustee Usedom regarding “Old Business” not being on agenda.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS: No report.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Trustee Campos and seconded by Trustee Usedom to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Charles Bratcher President

James Grobe Secretary