

**Minutes of the June 24, 2021  
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**

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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 Jim Grobe, Anthony Gagliardi and Steve Usedom also in attendance physically. Trustee Ruben Campos was in attendance remotely in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Also present were Chief Pat Tanner; Assistant Chief Tim Leidig; Battalion Chiefs Jeef Keefe and Wade Johnson, Accountant James Howard, representative from Sawyer Falduto- John Falduto and Ed Lavin and Attorney Joseph Miller.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment heard during the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 27, 2021 were reviewed. Trustee Grobe made a motion to accept the minutes as written, the motion was seconded by Trustee Gagliardi, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

Accountant James Howard (remote attendance) presented the financial report for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2021. James received questions from the Board of Trustees on the Budget Ordinance to be approved at the July 22, 2021 Board meeting.

Trustee Bratcher announced that the account payables for the District for the period of May 27, 2021 through June 24, 2021 totaled \$353,957.41. Trustee Bratcher also announced that the payroll for the District as of June 24, 2021 was \$509,611.27. Trustee Usedom made a motion to approve the total amount of expenditures for the District of \$863,568.68. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gagliardi. Roll call vote showed:

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

Motion passed 5 – 0.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- a. **Finance and Planning:** The Board heard a presentation from Sawyer Falduto to provide investment services for the District. A discussion was held regarding holding a budget workshop on July 14. The ordinance will be approved at the July 22, 2021 meeting.

**b. Divisional Reports:**

- i. **Administration:** Chief Tanner noted that there was a minor change to one of the abatement ordinances approved by the District. Attorney Miller noted no further action is needed by the Board of Trustees because the ordinance approved noted that the approval was for an approval of an agreement substantially the same as the agreement originally approved.
- ii. **Emergency Medical Services:** No report.
- iii. **Fire Prevention and Education:** No report.
- iv. **Fire Suppression and Training:** Chief Tanner gave the Board of Trustees an update on the District's response to the Rockton, Illinois fire. Pictures were also shown to the Board of Trustees.
- v. **Building/Equipment/Fleet/Capital Improvement:** No report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Motion to approve the purchase of two (2) Getac K120 Rugged 12.5-inch touchscreen mobile computers for an amount not to exceed \$6,000. The Board had a discussion on the approval of the mobile computers.

Trustee Gagliardi made a motion to approve the purchase of the mobile computers not to exceed \$6,000. The motion was seconded by Trustee Usedom. Roll call vote showed.

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

Motion passed 5 – 0.

- b. Motion to approve the purchase of a 30HP Tohatsu Rescue Pro Pumpjet outboard motor from Defender Industries for an amount not to exceed \$6,598.98. The Board had a discussion on the purchase of the outboard motor.

Trustee Usedom made a motion to approve the purchase of the outboard motor not to exceed \$6,598. The motion was seconded by Trustee Grobe. Roll call vote showed.

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

Motion passed 5 – 0.

- c. Motion to approve the purchase of a 2022 Tracker Offroad 800SX Utility Vehicle from Tracker Boat Center, Bolingbrook, IL in the amount of \$17,485 with \$11,000 coming from donations. The Board had a discussion on the approval of the Utility Vehicle purchase with questions on the use of donations and need.

Trustee Gagliardi made a motion to approve the purchase of the utility vehicle not to exceed \$17,485. The motion was seconded by Trustee Grobe. Roll call vote showed.

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

Motion passed 5 – 0.

- d. Motion to approve the purchase of a 7x16 enclosed trailer to move the Utility Vehicle and to create a mobile command post for an amount not to exceed \$8,000. The Board had a discussion on the purchase of the trailer.

Trustee Gagliardi made a motion to approve the purchase of the trailer not to exceed \$8,000. The motion was seconded by Trustee Grobe. Roll call vote showed.

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

Motion passed 5 – 0.

- e. **Ordinance 2021-O-05.** An Ordinance to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement for the abatement of certain properties the West Chicago Fire Protection District. Discovery Drive Investors II, LLC 000 Discovery Drive. A brief discussion was held on the abatement requests by the City of West Chicago.

Trustee Usedom made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2021-O-05 authorizing the intergovernmental agreement for the abatement of property. The motion was seconded by Trustee Grobe. Roll call vote showed:

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

Motion passed 5 – 0.

- f. Ordinance 2021-O-06.** An Ordinance to approve the purchase of a 2021 Ford F-250 replacement pick-up truck with snow plow from the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative in an amount not to exceed \$36,035 and an emergency lighting package from Communications Direct for an additional \$7,553. A discussion was held on the number of pick-up trucks owned by the District and the date of arrival of the new truck.

Trustee Gagliardi made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2021-O-06 authorizing the purchase of the pick-up truck and lights through the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative in an amount not to exceed \$43,588. The motion was seconded by Trustee Grobe. Roll call vote showed:

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

Motion passed 5 – 0.

- g. Resolution 2021-R-02.** A resolution authorizing the sale or donation of surplus personal property owned by the West Chicago Fire Protection District. Chief Tanner discussed the sale of the 2005 pick-up and the 2000 outboard motor.

Trustee Gagliardi made a motion to approve the sale or donation of the surplus equipment. The motion was seconded by Trustee Usedom. Roll call vote showed.

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

Motion passed 5 – 0.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** None.

**ATTORNEY COMMENTS:** Attorney Miller provided the Board of Trustees an update on possible pending legislation.

**CLOSED SESSION:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion was made by Trustee Gagliardi and seconded by Trustee Grobe to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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Charles Bratcher      President

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James Grobe          Secretary