

**Minutes of the August 26, 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**

Opened meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Charles Bratcher with Ruben Campos and Steve Usedom in attendance. Also present were Chief Patrick Tanner; Assistant Chief Tim Leidig; Battalion Chiefs Jeff Buccola and Wade Johnson, Lieutenants Mike Buenrostro and Jason Day, Firefighters Greg Zudis and Tim Latas, Mike Buenrostro, Jr., and Nick Bulleri, Accountant James Howard, Attorney Joseph Miller, Administrative Professional Kim Lezza and Mrs. M. Buenrostro.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Greg Zudis read a letter from the Union President to the Board of Trustees.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 22, 2021 were reviewed. Trustee Campos made a motion to accept the minutes as written, the motion was seconded by Trustee Usedom, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Accountant James Howard presented the financial report for the period ending July 31, 2021.

Trustee Bratcher announced that the account payables for the District for the period of July 22, 2021 through August 26, 2021 totaled \$265,354.97. Trustee Bratcher also announced that the payroll for the District as of August 26, 2021 was \$458,285.71. Trustee Usedom made a motion to approve the total amount of expenditures for the District of \$723,640.14. The motion was seconded by Trustee Campos. Roll call vote showed:

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

Motion passed 3 – 0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. **Finance and Planning:** No Report.

b. Divisional Reports:

- i. **Administration:** Chief Tanner introduced Kim Lezza, the District's new administrative professional to the Board of Trustees. Chief Tanner noted that Joy will help with the transition for a short period of time.
- ii. **Emergency Medical Services:** No Report.
- iii. **Fire Prevention and Education:** No Report.
- iv. **Fire Suppression and Training:** Chief Tanner informed the Board of Trustees that the District participated in an Alliance training on mass casualty incidents at Cantigny.
- v. **Building/Equipment/Fleet/Capital Improvement:** Chief Tanner informed the Board of Trustees on the ladder truck replacement timeline and noted the committee's discussion on the ladder truck.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Thermal Imaging Camera.** The Board of Trustees discussed the purchase of a MSA E6000 Plus thermal imaging camera with a charger kit from Air One Equipment.

Trustee Campos made a motion to approve the purchase of a MSA E6000 Plus thermal imaging camera with a charger kit from Air One Equipment in the amount of \$7,995. The motion was seconded by Trustee Usedom . Roll call vote showed:

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

Motion passed 3 – 0.

- b. **Emergency Panel Replacement.** Chief Tanner and the Board of Trustees discussed the emergency replacement of the electrical panel at Station 6.

Trustee Usedom made a motion to approve the purchase of a 200 amp electrical panel from Vons Electric in the amount of \$5,450.. The motion was seconded by Trustee Campos. Roll call vote showed:

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

Motion passed 3 – 0.

MISCELLANEOUS: No Miscellaneous Business

ATTORNEY COMMENTS: No report.

CLOSED SESSION: At 7:26 pm, Trustee Usedom made a motion to go into closed session to discuss collective bargaining negotiations. The motion was seconded by Trustee Campos. Roll call vote showed:

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

Motion passed 3 – 0.

The Board returned to open session at 8:01 p.m. with no further action to be taken.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Trustee Campos and seconded by Trustee Usedom to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Charles Bratcher President

James Grobe Secretary