

**Minutes of the September 23, 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 Jim Grobe, Steve Usedom and Ruben Campos in attendance. Also present were Chief Patrick Tanner; Assistant Chief Tim Leidig; Lieutenant Mike Korzen and Firefighter Erik Therkildsen, 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 Regular Meeting held on August 26, 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:**

Fire Chief Tanner presented the financial report for the period ending August 31, 2021.

Trustee Bratcher announced that the account payables for the District for the period of August 26, 2021 through September 23, 2021 totaled \$216,834.45. Trustee Bratcher also announced that the payroll for the District as of September 23, 2021 was \$448,996.47. Trustee Campos made a motion to approve the total amount of expenditures for the District of \$665,830.92. 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. **Finance and Planning:** Chief Tanner stated that we would be investing 2.5 million with Sawyer Falduto after the 2<sup>nd</sup> installment on property taxes. Previously approved by the Board.

**b. Divisional Reports:**

- i. **Administration:** Chief Tanner informed the Board that his and Firefighter Greg Zudis's emails were hacked this week. The issue was addressed immediately by Leading IT. Due to this event, we will be switching all personnel including Trustees to a two factor authentication process. No other damage was done.

Commissioner Winkler resigned as he has decided to move out of West Chicago. Interviews will be done to fill his seat.

- 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 live fires in Carol Stream.

Chief Leidig provided a detailed description of the hazmat incident that occurred on September 16, 2021 at the intersection of Hawthorne and Powis.

- v. **Building/Equipment/Fleet/Capital Improvement:** Assistant Chief Leidig informed the Board of Trustees that the furnace at Station 5 needs to be replaced. The Board authorized purchase of \$6500.00.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** None.

**ATTORNEY COMMENTS:** No report.

**CLOSED SESSION:** At 7:37 pm, moved to closed session to discuss collective bargaining and other employment related issues. In attendance: Trustees Bratcher, Grobe, Usedom, Campos, Chief Tanner, Assistant Chief Leidig and Attorney Joe Miller.

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.

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Charles Bratcher      President

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James Grobe      Secretary