

**Minutes of the April 28, 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 with Trustees Jim Grobe, Steve Usedom, and Ruben Campos in attendance. Also present were Fire Chief Patrick Tanner, Asst. Fire Chief Tim Leidig, Melissa Medeiros, BC Jeff Keefe, Lt. Ric Ciszewski, Firefighter Todd Baseggio, 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 Regular Meeting held on March 24, 2022 were reviewed. Trustee Usedom made a motion to accept the minutes as written, the motion was seconded by Trustee Grobe, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Accountant James Howard presented the financial report for the period ending April 28, 2022.

Trustee Bratcher announced that the account payables for the District for the period of March 24, 2022 through April 28, 2022 totaled \$308,135.99. Trustee Bratcher also announced that the payroll for the District as of April 28, 2022 was \$421,101.90. Trustee Usedom made a motion to approve the total amount of expenditures for the District of \$729,237.89. The motion was seconded by Trustee Campos. Roll call vote showed:

Trustee Campos- Aye

Trustee Bratcher – Aye

Trustee Usedom – Aye

Trustee Grobe - Aye

Motion passed 4 – 0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a. Financial/Planning

Budget workshop scheduled for June 1, 2022 at 3:00pm.

b. Divisional Reports:

Administration:

Chief Tanner informed the Board that we have a new firefighter starting on May 2, 2022.

Fire Prevention:

Chief Tanner stated that Fire Marshal Joe Buenrostro is officially retired. 38 inspections have been completed for the month of April. The B&F Inspector is doing well. Will provide monthly numbers. At three month mark we will evaluate.

Emergency Medical Services:

Chief Tanner stated that the EMS Coordinators have been working. Currently working on strategic plan for Continuing Education and catch up on projects that have fallen behind.

Fleet:

Chief Tanner provided update on the tower ladder replacement pricing challenges. Chief will be attending FDIC to meet with Seagrave and address our issues.

Buildings and Grounds:

Chief Tanner stated that we are revamping our budget from previous years. Asst. Chief Leidig is spearheading a replacement schedule project.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

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

Trustee Campos- Aye

Trustee Bratcher – Aye

Trustee Usedom – Aye

Trustee Grobe - Aye

Motion passed 4 – 0.

- a. Motion to approve the hire of Fire Marshal Bill Schultz as recommended by Chief Tanner.

Trustee Usedom made a motion to approve the hire of Fire Marshal Bill Schultz as recommended by Chief Tanner. Motion Seconded by Trustee Campos. Roll call showed:

Trustee Campos- Aye

Trustee Bratcher – Aye

Trustee Usedom – Aye

Trustee Grobe - Aye

Motion passed 4 – 0.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

MISCELLANEOUS:

The Sawyer Falduto Performance Report will be provided quarterly.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS:

Attorney Joe Miller stated that he will get the budget notice out by May 23, 2022, We will then be able to approve the new budget at the June meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Trustee Campos and seconded by Trustee Usedom to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Charles Bratcher President

James Grobe Secretary