

**Minutes of the May 26, 2022**  
**Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the**  
**West Chicago Fire Protection District**  
**Meeting held at**  
**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 Steve Usedom, Ruben Campos in attendance. Also present were Fire Chief Patrick Tanner, Asst. Fire Chief Tim Leidig, BC Jeff Keefe, BC Wade Johnson, Lt Jason Day, Lt Mike Korzen, Lt Greg Zudis, Firefighters Mike Newman, Ryan Olmstead and Brendan O'Leary, Melissa, Medeiros, Mark Medeiros, Taylor Medeiros, Accountant James Howard, Attorney Joe Miller, and Administrative Assistant Kimberly Lezza. Trustee Jim Grobe was absent.

**NEW TRUSTEE SWEAR IN:**

Melissa Medeiros was sworn in as a new District trustee by Trustee Bratcher.

**ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS:**

Trustee Bratcher made a motion to retain the present members of the Board in their present positions. No second was made.

Trustee Campos nominated Steve Usedom for President. Trustee Medeiros seconded. Roll call showed:

Trustee Bratcher – No            Trustee Usedom – Aye            Trustee Campos – Aye

Trustee Medeiros – Aye

Motion Passed 3-1

Trustee Campos nominated Jim Grobe for Secretary. Trustee Medeiros seconded. Roll call showed:

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

Trustee Medeiros – Aye

Motion Passed 4-0

Trustee Grobe will have to accept the position at next meeting. If not accepted, new nominations will be needed.

Trustee Usedom nominated Charles Bratcher for Treasurer. Trustee Campos seconded. Roll call showed:

Trustee Bratcher - No                      Trustee Usedom – Aye                      Trustee Campos – Aye

Trustee Medeiros – Aye

Motion Passed 3-1

Attorney Joe Miller stated that since Trustee Bratcher was nominated by other members, he would fill the Treasurer seat until next meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Lt. Mike Korzen speaking on behalf of the firefighter/paramedics, stated they would like to be part of the budget conversation regarding the contract with Paramedic Services, Inc.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 28, 2022 were reviewed. Trustee Campos made a motion to accept the minutes as written, the motion was seconded by Trustee Medeiros, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

Accountant James Howard presented the financial report for the period ending May 26, 2022.

Trustee Usedom announced that the account payables for the District for the period of April 28, 2022 through May 26, 2022 totaled \$354,245.64. Trustee Usedom also announced that the payroll for the District as of May 26, 2022 was \$372,790.52. Trustee Bratcher made a motion to approve the total amount of expenditures for the District of \$727,036.16. 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**

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

### **b. Divisional Reports:**

#### **Administration:**

Chief Tanner stated that they are working on finalizing the 2022-2023 budget.

#### **Fire Prevention:**

Chief Tanner provided inspection numbers for May 1<sup>st</sup> through May 26<sup>th</sup>. 139 total inspections. Will have more detailed information at next meeting.

#### **Emergency Medical Services:**

Chief Tanner informed the Trustees that we had two full arrest saves. Displayed awards that our EMS staff received from EMS system Central DuPage Hospital. Awards include Medic of the Year – Medic 7 and Agency of the Year.

#### **Fleet:**

Chief Tanner mentioned the issues we have been having with Tower 6. Seagrave is working on new spec and final price.

#### **Buildings and Grounds:**

Asst. Chief Leidig stated that we have AC failures at Station 6, which is due to be replaced on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Station 5 also has AC failure and will need to be discussed at a later date.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

None

Trustee Bratcher informed Board that he will accept the Treasurer position.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

None

**ATTORNEY COMMENTS:**


Attorney Joe Miller stated that the decision has been made on the pension consolidation matter. Judge found the statute was constitutional. Appeals will be made.

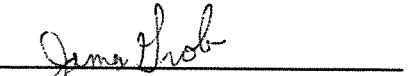
**CLOSED SESSION:**

At 7:26 Trustee Campos made a motion to go into closed session. Enter Closed Session under statute(s): 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1): The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity; 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(2): Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11). The motion was seconded by Trustee Medeiros.

The Board returned to open session at 7:48 p.m. with no further action to be taken.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion was made by Trustee Campos and seconded by Trustee Medeiros to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

  
Steve Usedom                      President

  
James Grobe                      Secretary