

**Special Minutes of the June 30, 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 Special Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Steve Usedom with Trustees Charles Bratcher and Trustee Jim Grobe in attendance. Trustees Ruben Campos and Melissa Medeiros attended via phone. Also present were Fire Chief Patrick Tanner, Asst. Fire Chief Tim Leidig, BC Jeff Keefe, Lt Jason Day, Lt Mike Korzen, Lt Greg Zudis, Lt Ric Ciszewski, Lt Will Gray, Firefighters Mike Buenrostro, Jr, Scott Hamlin, Nick Bulleri and Scott Baseggio. Accountant James Howard, Attorneys Joe Miller and Steve DiNolfo and Administrative Assistant Kimberly Lezza. Trustee Jim Grobe was absent.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment heard during the meeting.

Attorney Joe Miller asked Board to go out of order and move to closed session at 7:03 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

At 7:03 Trustee Bratcher 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 Grobe.

The Board returned to open session at 7:31 p.m. with no further action to be taken.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 26, 2022 were reviewed. Trustee Bratcher made a motion to accept the minutes as written, the motion was seconded by Trustee Grobe and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Minutes from the Closed Meeting held on May 26, 2022 were reviewed. Trustee Bratcher 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 June 23, 2022.

Trustee Usedom announced that the account payables for the District for the period of May 26, 2022 through June 23, 2022 totaled \$289,604.25. Trustee Usedom also announced that the payroll for the District as of June 23, 2022 was \$652,498.08. Trustee Grobe made a motion to approve the total amount of expenditures for the District of \$942,103.23. The motion was seconded by Trustee Bratcher. Roll call vote showed:

Trustee Campos- Aye

Trustee Bratcher – Aye

Trustee Usedom – Aye

Trustee Grobe – Aye

Trustee Medeiros - Aye

Motion passed 5 – 0.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **a. Financial/Planning**

Chief Tanner and Firefighter Todd Baseggio provided information and stats on the SRST K9 Team. Chief Tanner provided an overview of the proposed new drone and its capabilities.

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

##### **Administration:**

Chief Tanner informed the Board that there has not been an intergovernmental meeting since prior to Covid, therefor there is no report.

##### **Training:**

Lt. Jason Day provided a presentation on the West Chicago Regional Training Academy a.k.a. Kress Road and the types of training that are held there and what other entities benefit from the training facility.

**Fire Prevention:**

Chief Tanner provided the Board with reports on inspections completed from 2018 to current. Also informed Board that new Fire Marshal will be starting on July 5<sup>th</sup>. Detailed breakdown of inspections will be provided before next meeting per Trustee Medeiros’ request.

**Emergency Medical Services:**

None

**Fleet:**

Ordinance for the purchase of the 95ft Aerialscope Mid-Mount Truck to be discussed in new business.

**Buildings and Grounds:**

Motion to approve the emergency purchase of a new AC unit for Station 6 to be discussed in new business.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Ordinance 2022-O-03. An Ordinance providing for the budget and appropriations of the West Chicago Fire Protection District, DuPage County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2022, and ending May 31, 2023.

Attorney Joe Miller stated that a hearing was opened at 8:14 pm. A notice was put in the paper more than 30 days prior to today’s date notifying the public of the budget hearing. This is the time for the public to ask their questions regarding the budget. There were no questions from the public. Public hearing closed at 8:15pm.

Trustee Bratcher made a motion to approve the budget and appropriations of the West Chicago Fire Protection District, DuPage County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2022, and ending May 31, 2023. Motion seconded by Trustee Grobe. Roll call showed:

Trustee Campos- Aye

Trustee Bratcher – Aye

Trustee Usedom – Aye

Trustee Grobe – Aye

Trustee Medeiros - Aye

Motion passed 5 – 0.

- b. Ordinance 2022-O-04. An Ordinance authorizing the purchase of a 95ft Seagrave Aerialscope Mid-Mount Platform Truck from Seagrave Fire Apparatus, LLC, Clintonville, Wisconsin in an amount not to exceed \$1,920,640.00.

Chief Tanner provided the Board with two purchasing/financing options. Chief Tanner also recognized the Committee for all their hard work on this project.

Trustee Campos made a motion to Ordinance authorizing the purchase of a 95ft Seagrave Aerialscope Mid-Mount Platform Truck from Seagrave Fire Apparatus, LLC, Clintonville, Wisconsin in an amount not to exceed \$1,920,640.00. Motion seconded by Trustee Grobe. Roll call showed:

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

Motion passed 5 – 0.

Board took at vote on financing Option #1. Roll call showed:

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

Motion passed 5 – 0.

The Board directed Chief Tanner to contact Seagrave with Option #1 for purchasing.

- c. Resolution 2022-O-05. A Resolution to renew the contract for service with Paramedic Services of Illinois, Inc for 3 years.

Chief Tanner reiterated the reason for the updated contract, is to increase the starting rate for the contract paramedics for the purposes of recruitment and retention.

Trustee Bratcher made a motion to renew the contract for service with Paramedic Services of Illinois, Inc for 3 years. Motion seconded by Trustee Grobe. Roll call showed:

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

Motion passed 4 – 1.

- d. Motion authorizing the Commission to hire one candidate from the current Firefighter eligibility list.

Chief Tanner explained that a probationary firefighter resigned, so this position needs to be filled.

Trustee Campos made a motion authorizing the Commission to hire one candidate from the current Firefighter eligibility list. Motion seconded by Trustee Bratcher. Roll call showed:

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

Motion passed 5 – 0.

- e. Motion to approve the emergency purchase of a Roof Top AC unit for station 6 from Blue Frost Heating & Cooling, West Chicago, Illinois in the amount of \$17,400.

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

Motion passed 5 – 0.

- f. Motion to approve the purchase of a DJI M30 Drone from Aerial Influence, Batavia, Illinois in an amount not to exceed \$16,331.

Chief Tanner reiterated the importance of this equipment as it can be widely used in many emergency situations.

Trustee Usedom stated that he would like to table this discussion until the July meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Trustee Medeiros requested information on how many firefighters needed a second set of gear. Asst. Chief Leidig will provide that information.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

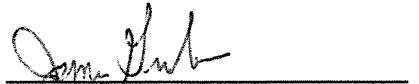
None

**ATTORNEY COMMENTS:**

Attorney Joe Miller stated that he and James are going to meet to discuss tax rate objections and Tork funds.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion was made by Trustee Campos and seconded by Trustee Grobe to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

  
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Steve Usedom                      President

  
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James Grobe                      Secretary