

**Regular Minutes of the October 27, 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 Steve Usedom with Trustees Charles Bratcher, Trustee Jim Grobe, Trustee Ruben Campos (via phone), and Trustee Melissa Medeiros in attendance. Also present were Fire Chief Patrick Tanner, Deputy Fire Chief Tim Leidig, Agnes Dalecki, Gary Kosnoff, BC Jeff Keefe, Fire Marshal Bill Schultz, BC Jason Day, Firefighter Nick Bulleri, Fire Fighter Erik Therkildsen, Accountant James Howard, Attorney Joe Miller, and Administrative Assistant Kimberly Lezza.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment heard during the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 22, 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 October 27, 2022.

Trustee Usedom announced that the account payables for the District for the period of September 22, 2022 through October 27, 2022 totaled \$686,426.85. Trustee Usedom also announced that the payroll for the District as of October 27, 2022, was \$483,858.70. Trustee Campos made a motion to approve the total amount of expenditures for the District of \$1,170,285.55. The motion was seconded by Trustee Medeiros. Roll call vote showed:

Trustee Campos- Aye

Trustee Bratcher – Aye

Trustee Usedom – Aye

Trustee Grobe – Aye

Trustee Medeiros - Aye

Motion passed 5 – 0.

**GUEST SPEAKERS**

Gary Kosnoff and Agnes Dalecki from OneDigital provided a presentation on the 2023 insurance renewal rates. Handout provided.

- a. Motion to authorize the 15-month renewal with Blue Cross Blue Shield through OneDigital and authorizing the Chief to complete the necessary paperwork.

Trustee Grobe made a Motion to authorize the 15-month renewal with Blue Cross Blue Shield through OneDigital and authorizing the Chief to complete the necessary paperwork. Motion was 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.

**TAX LEVY DISCUSSION**

Accountant James Howard provided a presentation om the 2023 proposed tax levy. Handout provided.

- a. Motion finding that the West Chicago Fire Protection District will not exceed 105% of the prior year’s extension for the 2022 levy.

Trustee Usedom made a motion finding that the West Chicago Fire Protection District will not exceed 105% of the prior year’s extension for the 2022 levy. Motion was seconded by Trustee Medeiros. Roll call 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**

None

**b. Divisional Reports:**

**Administration:**

Chief Tanner stated that the fire fighter testing consortium at the College Of DuPage will no longer be available. The District will have to administer this as well as the testing for lieutenant and battalion chief positions.

**Training:**

None

**Fire Prevention:**

Fire Marshal Bill Schultz provided a presentation on his plan for the Modernization of the Fire Prevention Program. Handout provided.

The consensus is to move forward with the plan in concept for the Modernization of the Fire Prevention Program.

**Emergency Medical Services:**

None

**Fleet:**

Chief Tanner stated that new Tower 6 final spec was completed by the committee.

**Buildings and Grounds:**

Front lobby security wall has been installed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

Special meeting dates will be November 17<sup>th</sup> and December 15<sup>th</sup>.

**ATTORNEY COMMENTS:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion was made by Trustee Medeiros and seconded by Trustee Grobe to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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Steve Usedom          President

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James Grobe          Secretary