

**Regular Minutes of the February 23, 2023  
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 Trustee Jim Grobe, Trustee Ruben Campos, and Trustee Melissa Medeiros in attendance. Also present were Fire Chief Patrick Tanner, Deputy Fire Chief Tim Leidig, BC Jeff Keefe, Firefighter Nick Bulleri, Firefighter Brandon Waldschmidt, Firefighter Patrick Hanrahan, Attorney Joe Miller and Accountant James Howard. *Trustee Charles Bratcher absent.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 26, 2023 were reviewed. Trustee Grobe 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 February 23, 2023.

Trustee Usedom announced that the account payables for the District for the period of January 26, 2023 through February 23, 2023 totaled \$76,129.71. Trustee Usedom also announced that the payroll for the District as of February 23, 2023 was \$472,634.58. Trustee Campos made a motion to approve the total amount of expenditures for the District of \$548,764.29. The motion was seconded by Trustee Medeiros. Roll call vote showed:

Trustee Campos- Aye                      Trustee Medeiros – Aye                      Trustee Usedom – Aye

Trustee Grobe – Aye

Motion passed 4 ayes – 1 absent

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **a. FINANCE/PLANNING**

Chief Tanner stated that the budget sheets and timeline will be distributed within the next few weeks.

### **b. DIVISIONAL REPORTS:**

#### **Administration:**

Chief Tanner informed the Board that BC Jason Day has accepted a new position with another department and will be retiring. The District has received 44 applications for firefighters. DC Leidig stated that the written test will be held on March 20, 2023 at the Arc Center.

#### **Training:**

Chief Tanner stated that Eric Ronge is the new ARFF Coordinator. FF Ronge has submitted a draft ARFF Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan will be published once reviewed by ARFF team members and the airport.

The District hosted the monthly Alliance drill this week at Kress Road.

#### **Fire Prevention:**

Chief Tanner stated that we currently have two 7G inspectors in the field helping with inspections.

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

None

#### **Fleet:**

Chief Tanner reiterated that Tower 6 has been out of service for about a month. He also mentioned that the old engine should be sold soon and the committee for the purchase of the new ambulance have convened. Lt Greg Zudis will attend a later meeting to discuss the new ambulance.

#### **Building and Grounds:**

Chief Tanner stated that the District had HVAC ducts cleaned.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

None

**ATTORNEY COMMENTS:**


Attorney Joe Miller informed Board of two Bills that have been introduced that would affect the District; the possibility of the District being able to bill for ambulance lift assists and the implementation of paramedics having to wear body cameras.


**CLOSED SESSION:**

At 7:17 p.m. 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; 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(2):. The motion seconded by Trustee Grobe.

The Board returned to open session at 7:50p.m. with no further action to be taken.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion was made by Trustee Campos and seconded by Trustee Grobe to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

  
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Steve Usedom                  President

  
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James Grobe                  Secretary