

**Regular Minutes of the March 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**

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 Charles Bratcher, Trustee Jim Grobe, Trustee Ruben Campos, and Trustee Melissa Medeiros in attendance. Also present were Fire Chief Patrick Tanner, Deputy Fire Chief Tim Leidig, Fire Marshal Bill Schultz, BC Jeff Keefe, BC Ric Ciszewski, Firefighter Tim Latas, Lt. Mike Buenrostro, Jr., Firefighter Erik Therkildsen, Attorney Joe Miller and Accountant James Howard.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 23, 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 March 23, 2023.

Trustee Usedom announced that the account payables for the District for the period of February 23, 2023 through March 23, 2023 totaled \$368,168.72. Trustee Usedom also announced that the payroll for the District as of March 23, 2023 was \$447,567.28. Trustee Campos made a motion to approve the total amount of expenditures for the District of \$815,736.00. The motion was seconded by Trustee Bratcher. Roll call vote showed:

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

Trustee Grobe – Aye Trustee Bratcher - Aye

Motion passed 5 - 0

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a. FINANCE/PLANNING

Chief Tanner provided the Board with a budget timeline. Budget workshop meeting date to be determined.

b. DIVISIONAL REPORTS:

Administration:

Chief Tanner reviewed the budget process timeline.

Training:

Chief Tanner informed the Board that live fire training took place this past week with the Alliance and other neighboring departments.

Fire Prevention:

Fire Marshal Bill Schultz provided an update regarding his Community Risk Reduction plan. Reviewed and provided stats on pre-plans, public outreach and education, fire inspections and plans review.

Emergency Medical Services:

None

Fleet:

Chief Tanner explained to the Board that the District will be removing the PFAS foam from our fleet, as it can cause cancer, and will be replaced with a safer alternative product.

Building and Grounds:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief Tanner informed the Board that the District sold surplus equipment. 1994 Pierce Lancer Pump.

- a. Motion to approve Resolution 2023-R-000. A Resolution authorizing the sale of surplus personal property of the West Chicago Fire District.

Trustee Medeiros made a Motion to approve Resolution 2023-R-000. A Resolution authorizing the sale of surplus personal property of the West Chicago Fire District. Motion was 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.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

MISCELLANEOUS:

None

ATTORNEY COMMENTS:

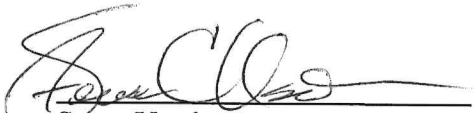
Attorney Joe Miller informed Board of some legal changes that are on the horizon regarding paid leave workers and bereavement leave. Will discuss in more detail at a later date. Attorney Miller also mentioned that the District needs to form an Efficiency Committee by June 10, 2023.


CLOSED SESSION:

At 7:44 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 Medeiros.

The Board returned to open session at 8:07 p.m. with no further action to be taken.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Trustee Grobe and seconded by Trustee Medeiros to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.


Steve Usedom President


James Grobe Secretary