

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE 2022 BUDGET AND
APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE AND THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF TRUSTEES OF THE WAUCONDA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2022**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Wauconda Fire Protection District was called to order on Thursday, April 21, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. at Wauconda Fire Station 1, 109 W. Liberty Street, Wauconda, Illinois.

ATTENDANCE: Those present were President Hogan, Trustee McGill, Trustee White, and Trustee Gertz. Trustee Planas was absent. Also present were Chief Geary, Deputy Chief Buschick, Deputy Chief Kane, and the personnel listed on the attached sheet.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All in attendance participated in the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING: President Hogan made an announcement asking if anyone had any questions or comments about the Budget and Appropriations Ordinance. Deputy Chief Kane informed the district board that there were no significant changes to the draft Budget and Appropriations Ordinance as presented in the March 2022 meeting. A second call for comments was requested by President Hogan. A motion was made by Trustee White, seconded by Trustee Gertz, to close the Public Hearing of the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of the Wauconda Fire Protection District Lake and McHenry Counties, Illinois for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2022 and ending April 30, 2023. On call of roll:

Ayes:	Hogan, McGill, White, Gertz
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Planas

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Trustee Gertz, seconded by Trustee White, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 17, 2022 as presented. On call of roll:

Ayes:	Hogan, McGill, White, Gertz
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Planas

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES: A motion was made by Trustee White, seconded by Trustee Gertz, to approve the Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting held on March 17, 2022 as presented. On call of roll:

Ayes: Hogan, McGill, White, Gertz
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Planas

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES: A motion was made by Trustee White, seconded by Trustee Gertz, to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on March 23, 2022 as presented. On call of roll:

Ayes: Hogan, McGill, White, Gertz
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Planas

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING CLOSED SESSION MINUTES: A motion was made by Trustee White, seconded by Trustee Gertz, to approve the Minutes of the Special Closed Session Meeting held on March 23, 2022 as presented. On call of roll:

Ayes: Hogan, McGill, White, Gertz
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Planas

Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Trustee White gave the March Treasurer's Report. A motion by Trustee Gertz, seconded by Trustee White, to approve the March 2022 Financial Report as presented. On call of roll:

Ayes: Hogan, McGill, White, Gertz
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Planas

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: A couple of thank you notes from Lynn Lotito for the generous gift in a memorial donation and visiting him and providing him a happy moment at the end of his journey. A thank you note from the Warchal Family for the support for Mike Warchal's sister who pass away unexpectedly. Mike Warchal was a part time employee with Wauconda. A thank you note from Troop 76 for our assistance with their egg drop. A thank you note from McHenry Township Fire Protection District for the assistance in their water recovery on Pistakee Lake.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Hogan thanked Lake County for reappointing him and Trustee Planas. President Hogan also thanked Director Steingart for providing the data on the falls that occurred in our district in 2020 to help with some research being done in the hospital.

STAFF REPORT: Deputy Chief Kane informed the board that they were provided the Annual Report, which was also distributed to the elected officials in our district. Lake County Fire Chiefs put together a committee to focus on firefighter retention. A survey was sent out to get feedback from a certain group of recently hired firefighters in the area. The Battalion Chief testing is being planned. There has been numerous building improvements occurring already with more being planned to continue with the Capital Project Plan approved in a previous meeting. Deputy Chief Buschick continued the conversation regarding the building improvements stating that Battalion Chief Frey has been coordinating efforts between the architects and potential vendors to assist with the improvements. The process was started with FGM Architects and has transitioned to using Pathman Architects with potential guidance on the next steps in the next six weeks. The monthly report has been emailed out to the board and will be emailed out to the elected officials of the communities in the district. Battalion Chief Mueller commented on Beth Keene, Paramedic Instructor from Good Shepherd Hospital took a job over at Centegra McHenry Hospital. She will be missed. BC Mueller also gave an update on the progress of the MIH program. Division Chief Miller deferred his report to New Business. Director Steingart updated the board on the status of the IDPH Grant that was received. A grant was applied for through FireHouse Subs for a decontamination gear washer. There was also a ComEd Community Grant for \$15,000 that was applied for. The grant award date is coming soon from FEMA.

OLD BUSINESS: APPROVAL OF THE 2022-2023 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE. A motion was made by Trustee McGill, seconded by Trustee Gertz, to approve Ordinance 2022-0-01, an Ordinance Adopting the Budget and Appropriations for the Wauconda Fire Protection District Lake and McHenry Counties, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2022 and Ending April 30, 2023. On call of roll:

Ayes:	Hogan, McGill, White, Gertz
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Planas

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL TRAINING PLAN: Division Chief Miller presented the annual training plan to the board with an explanation of how it is developed.

APPOINTMENT OF IMRF AUTHORIZED AGENT: A motion by Trustee McGill, seconded by Trustee Gertz to approve the appointment of the IMRF Authorized Agent. On a call of roll:

Ayes:	Hogan, McGill, White, Gertz
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Planas

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FIRE CHIEF'S RETIREMENT AGREEMENT: A motion by Trustee McGill, seconded by Trustee Gertz to approve the Fire Chief's Retirement Agreement. On a call of roll:

Ayes:	Hogan, McGill, White, Gertz
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Planas

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FIRE CHIEF'S EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT: A motion by Trustee McGill, seconded by Trustee Gertz to approve the Fire Chief's Employment Agreement. On a call of roll:

Ayes:	Hogan, McGill, White, Gertz
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Planas

Motion carried.

BOARD DISCUSSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Trustee McGill, seconded by Trustee Gertz, to adjourn the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

On call of roll:

Ayes:	Hogan, McGill, White, Gertz
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Planas

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



 Recording Secretary



 Secretary, Board of Trustees, Wauconda Fire District

Approved by the Board of Trustees at its May 19, 2022 meeting