

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE WAUCONDA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2023**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Wauconda Fire Protection District came to order on Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. at Wauconda Fire Station 1, 109 W. Liberty Street, Wauconda, Illinois.

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Retired Inspector Buschick commented on how excellent the Annual Report was and gave special kudos to Chief Kane for the chief letter at the beginning of the report.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** APPROVAL OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES. A motion was made by Trustee McGill, seconded by Trustee White, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 16, 2023 as presented. On call of roll:

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

Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Trustee White presented the Treasurer's Report. A motion was made by Trustee McGill, seconded by Trustee Gertz, to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. On call of roll:

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

Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** In Trustee Planas' absent, Trustee Gertz read the correspondences received during the past month. This correspondence included a thank you note from the McHenry Township Fire Protection District for our assistance at their structure fire in January and a thank you note from a resident for the services we provided to her in February.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** President Hogan shared with the board how great of an experience he had during Mock Interviews at Wauconda High School with some of the more troubled students. Trustee Gertz volunteered to help next year. They are always looking for more volunteers.

**STAFF REPORT:** Chief Kane apologized to the board about missing last month's meeting, due to a mild case of COVID. The door code to all of the stations have been changed and the code will be communicated to all board members. The transition to Northwest Community Hospital has been going well; crews are still working getting comfortable with the new system. Chief Kane and a few other members of the Cadet Program attended a recognition ceremony in which the Cadet Program was awarded for their service to Camp I Am Me over the last 20 years+. The Cadets will be recognized at next month's board meeting. The 2022 Annual Report has been received and distributed. Special thanks to Analyst Jeff Steingart for gathering the information for this report. The county has sent out the Economic Interest Statements please keep an eye out for it and reach out if there are any questions. We are still working with Chair Hart on the trustee reappointments, more to come. Deputy Chief Buschick shared a brief update on the building construction as demolition has started. The target completion date remains to be the end of May. Justin, the Project Manager, has been great to work with. Division Chief DaValle attended the business expo with Firemedic Faczek and Firefighter Nick who did great jobs assisting. Business Analyst Steingart informed the board that we were denied the State Fire Marshall Grant, no one in Lake or McHenry County were awarded that grant so it was not against us specifically. A request for over \$450k has been submitted for portable radios, stay tuned for an update on that. Battalion Chief Schlick shared with the board that him and a few other individuals on the vehicle replacement committee will be attending a preconstruction meeting for the Tender; an update will be provided at the next meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS: PRESENTATION OF LIFE SAVING AWARD BY ZOLL MEDICAL PRODUCTS REPRESENTATIVE:** Lieutenant Christensen presented awards to several employees that were present that assisted on a cardiac arrest incident. The patient that was treated was in attendance at the board meeting and introduced himself and family and shared his gratitude to all that assisted on his call.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FORMING DECENNIAL COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY, PUBLIC ACT 102-1088:** Chief Kane shared Public Act 102-1088 and the requirements this act mandates for local governments. This Act is requiring that a committee be put together and report to the county board on the district's governing statutes, ordinances, rules, procedures, powers, jurisdiction, shared services, intergovernmental agreements and interrelationships with other governmental units. No action was required, was more for informational purposes to start brainstorming individuals that could be a good fit for this committee.

**POSSIBLE ACTION ON FIRE COMMISSION SALARY INCREASE:** A motion by Trustee McGill, seconded by Trustee White, to approve the salary increase for Fire Commissioners from \$100.00/month to \$150.00/month. On call of roll;

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

Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE 2023-2024 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE AND POSTING OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON APRIL 20, 2023:** A motion was made by Trustee McGill, seconded by Trustee Gertz, to approve the Tentative 2023-2024 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance and Posting a Public Hearing on April 20, 2023. On call of roll:

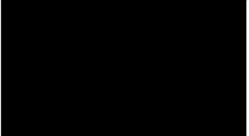
Ayes: Hogan, McGill, White, Gertz  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Planas

Motion carried.

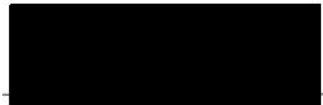
**BOARD DISCUSSION:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Trustee McGill, seconded by Trustee Gertz, to adjourn the meeting with no further business to discuss at 3:27 p.m. On call of voice vote, all present voted aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Recording Secretary



Secretary, Board of Trustees  
Wauconda Fire District

Approved by the Board of Trustees at its April 20, 2023 meeting