

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE 2023 PROPERTY TAX LEVY AND THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE WAUCONDA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2023

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

ATTENDANCE: Those present were President Hogan, Trustee Planas, Trustee Gertz and Trustee Lezon. Also present were Chief Kane, Deputy Chief Buschick, Deputy Chief Mueller and the personnel listed on the attached sheet.

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

PUBLIC HEARING: President Hogan made an announcement asking if anyone had any questions or comments about the 2023 Property Tax Levy. A second call for comments was requested by President Hogan. No comments from the public at this time. President Hogan announced that the public hearing and truth in taxation requirements have been met and asked for a motion to close this portion of the meeting. A motion was made by Trustee Planas, seconded by Trustee Gertz, to close the Public Hearing on 2023 Property Tax Levy Ordinance of the Wauconda Fire Protection District Lake and McHenry Counties, Illinois. On call of roll:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Retired Inspector Buschick announced the next meeting of the Wauconda Fire Rescue Association is December 1st at 9am at Wauconda Fire Station 1. All are invited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Trustee Gertz, seconded by Trustee Planas, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 19, 2022 as presented. On call of roll:

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

Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Trustee Gertz provided the Treasurer's Report. A motion was made by Trustee Lezon, seconded by Trustee Planas, to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.

On call of roll:

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

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: A thank you letter from Woodstock Fire/Rescue District for our assistance at their house explosion and resultant structure fire on October 9th. A thank you letter from a resident for the assistance Lieutenant Schrayner provided. A thank you note from Redemption Road Rescue for the appearance we made at their Halloween event. A thank you note from the Trick or Treat on Main Street Committee for our sponsorship and participation at their event.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Hogan thanked everyone who was involved in Appreciation Night. In front of the spotlight and behind the scenes.

STAFF REPORT: Chief Kane shared the Village of Wauconda Zoning board blessed us with the variance we asked for for the patio at Station 1. There are a few Opticom devices in Island Lake that are out and going to be repaired. We are hoping that the Island Lake Police Department will assist with the financial responsibility to get those working. The expired prescription drug drop off event that was hosted in the Station 1 parking lot a few weeks ago was a success and the parking lot will be offered again to the organization for future events. The Trick or Treat on Main Street event went very well. There was a large turnout, much bigger than prior years. The Annual Appreciation Night was a great success, like always. Chief Kane thanked Division Chief DaValle (and his behind the scene organizers), Brad Koffen and Seth Dishno for their assistance. He also read the list of sponsors that assisted with the evening. The Active Shooter Drill on November 6th was a good learning experience. There were 2 evolutions performed; the first one was a learning opportunity that assisted with making the second one smoother. There were 2 fires this past Sunday; one in Volo involving two houses and the other was a Gazebo Fire in Wauconda on Foster Road. The last item shared by Chief Kane was that Battalion Chief Frey submitted his retirement paperwork with his last physical work day being sometime in January. Battalion Chief Frey has served the district for over 35 years. Deputy Chief Buschick shared the Monthly Report with the board along with a 2-page document about the 911 Consolidation. No action is needed at this time but will be needed in the near future. Deputy Chief Mueller deferred his report to Division Chief Miller. Division Chief Miller shared with the board that there will be one full time new hire and 4 or 5 part time new hires starting on November 27th. We will be hosting a 2-week training academy for these new members. Division Chief DaValle thanked the board for the support they provided with the appreciation night. Analyst Steingart shared that he is continuously working on grant items. A drop box was created for the Decennial Committee and everyone should have received an email invitation to join. A preliminary report for the county should be ready shortly.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: PRESENTATION OF DONATION FROM RIVER GIVERS

CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION TO CADET PROGRAM: The River Givers Charitable Organization could not attend this meeting due to a scheduling conflict. They wanted to present their donation at a board meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW HIRE FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC: A motion was made by Trustee Lezon, seconded by Trustee Gertz, to hire Jake Harmon as a firefighter paramedic in concert with the Fire Commission’s action, contingent upon completion of background check and medical exam to be effective November 27, 2023. On call of roll:

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

Motion carried.

REVIEW OF PENSION BOARD TAX LEVY REQUEST AND MUNICIPAL COMPLIANCE REPORT: A motion by Trustee Lezon, seconded by Trustee Gertz to accept the Tax Levy Request Letter and the Municipal Compliance Report (MCR) from the Wauconda Firefighters Pension Board. On call of roll:

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

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE 2023 TAX LEVY ORDINANCE 2023-O-04: A motion by Trustee Planas, seconded by Trustee Lezon, to approve Ordinance 2023-O-04, an Ordinance Levying and Assessing Taxes of the Wauconda Fire Protection District Lake and McHenry Counties, Illinois for 2023. On call of roll:

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

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF ABATEMENT OF BOND TAX ORDINANCE NO. 2023-O-05: A motion by Trustee Lezon, seconded by Trustee Planas to approve Ordinance 2023-O-05, an Ordinance Abating Bond Taxes of the Wauconda Fire Protection District Lake and McHenry Counties, Illinois for 2023. On call of roll:

Ayes: Hogan, Planas, Gertz, Lezon
Nays: None

Abstain: None
Absent: White

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 2023-O-06 TO ESTABLISH AN AMENDED SCHEDULE OF CHARGES AND FEES FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES: A motion by Trustee Lezon, seconded by Trustee Planas, to approve Ordinance 2023-O-06 to establish an Amended Schedule of Charges and Fees for Emergency Medical Services. On call of roll:

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

Motion carried.

POSSIBLE RELEASE OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES AND DESTRUCTION OF CLOSED SESSION RECORDINGS [5 ILCS 120/2.06] A motion was made by Trustee Gertz, seconded by Trustee Planas that the closed minutes for June 16, 2022 will be released and all pending unreleased closed meeting minutes will remain closed. On a call of roll:

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

Motion carried.

A motion by Trustee Planas, seconded by Trustee Gertz, to authorize the destruction of closed session recordings for the meetings occurring prior to May 1, 2022 in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act. On call of roll:

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

Motion carried.

BOARD DISCUSSION: None

CLOSED SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Trustee Gertz, seconded by Trustee Lezon, to adjourn the meeting at 3:26. All yes via voice vote, motion carried and the meeting concluded.

Respectfully submitted,



Recording Secretary



Secretary, Board of Trustees, Wauconda Fire District

Approved by the Board of Trustees at its December 21, 2023 meeting.