

REGULAR SESSION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 15, 2023

Agenda # Subject

23/06/01 Call to Order

Tommy Johnson called the meeting to order at 17:28.

23/06/02 Prayer

Deputy Chief Mike Moore said prayer.

23/06/03 Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone.

23/06/04 Adoption of the Agenda

Tommy Johnson motioned to change the order of the agenda and move the budget review from Decker and DeGood (Agenda # 23/06/12) before the treasurer's report.

23/06/05 Approval of Minutes

Tommy Johnson motioned to approve the regular session w/ closed session minutes from May 17, 2023. Larry Bauer seconded the motion.

23/06/11 Budget Review 2022

Blake Pace from Decker and DeGood gave the report on the 2022 budget review. He said the District was given a "clean opinion" which is the highest designated opinion meaning the financial information provided shows to be presented fairly and all reports check out in good standing. The total income for the District was \$3,498,862 and the total expenditures were \$3,778,433; The deficit of revenues over expenditures was \$279,571. It was noted that the District has a very good cash position, and that the previous year's budget should be "amended" to help keep the numbers from showing large variances at the end of each year.

23/06/06 Treasurer's Report - Approval of Bills

Jerry Hageman presented the treasurer's report. He noted that property tax was down \$13,000/3.3% overall YTD as compared to the previous year. Sales tax has shown an increase of about \$32,000/15% for the month as compared to last year and overall YTD we are ahead \$71,000/6%. He went over the account balances; the operating account stands at \$280,000 as of June 12th and our CD's that are getting ready to come to term, mentioning that we will have gained \$88,000 in interest from them so far. The other three CD's have gained approximately \$8,000 in interest each. Jerry motioned for approval of the treasurer's report, pending no questions and Larry Maloney seconded the motion.

23/06/07 Public Comments from the Floor

None

23/06/08 Chief's Reports

See reports. Fire Marshal Dylan Honea mentioned aside from his report that the District won several awards and was recognized as "Fire Department of the Year" at the annual Firefighters Association of Missouri (FFAM) conference. Jerry Hageman asked about the Fire Officer 1 class and if there was any help with accommodations as far as local rates, but Deputy Chief Moore noted that most fire departments/Districts take care of their own

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lodging for their members that would attend such classes out of District. Michelle Griggs asked about policy updates/revisions and Deputy Chief Snider said they are still in progress.

23/06/09 Auxiliary Reports

Carrie Padilla gave the report. Carrie mentioned that the Auxiliary is now up to 37 members.

23/06/10 Membership

Chief Keith Wolven presented the SPIRIT coin to Carrie Padilla and Rick Christmann. Chief Wolven also announced the new members coming onto the District for pay per call: James Kavanaugh, Henry Simmons, Andrew Boillot and Chastity Schafer. Tommy Johnson motioned to approve the new members and Jerry Hageman seconded.

New Business

23/06/12 ARPA Grant - Purchase of Equipment Approval

Chief Keith Wolven wanted to review the ARPA grant purchase and receive approval for the purchase of the oxygen compressor by the board before continuing. Tommy Johnson motioned to approve the purchase; Larry Bauer seconded the motion.

23/06/13 Aerial/Ladder Truck

Deputy Chief Brad Snider wanted to discuss the purchasing/build of a new ladder truck. DC Snider has met with multiple suppliers to work on design to develop what the cost would be. He mentioned that with the growth of the county and high rises being built, we as a District need to be prepared in the event of a multi-story structure fire. The Board asked open questions and for more information as far as priority, cost, ISO ratings, call count and the benefits that a bucket/mid mount platform would have over a standard ladder. There was a continued open discussion as far as keeping the current ladder truck as a reserve versus selling it outright. The Board would like to see more concrete numbers as far as what the new truck would cost and what the current ladder truck, 6012, could potentially sell for.

23/06/14 Public Comments from the floor

Carrie Padilla mentioned that she was thankful for the mentioning of thinking ahead about the trucks and the future of the District. She also asked about “strategic plan” for the District. The “strategic plan” is still in progress

23/06/15 Comments from the Board

Michelle Griggs was thankful for the open discussion on the ladder truck. Larry Maloney congratulated Deputy Chief Mike Moore for “Chief of the Year” and mentioned that he would really like our District to show off being “Fire Department of the Year.” Larry Bauer welcomed the new members to the District. Jerry welcomed the new members, congratulated the FFAM award recipients and the SPIRIT coin. Tommy Johnson congratulated the SPIRIT coin recipients, FFAM award recipients and welcomed the new members.

23/06/16 Set Time & Date of Next Meeting

Tommy Johnson motioned to set the date of the next board meeting, July 20, 2023, at 18:00

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23/06/17 Closed Session: Pursuant to RSMo 610.021, subsections three (3) and thirteen (13), to discuss personnel matters

The Board did not have anything for closed session, so they collectively agreed to move forward without conducting a closed session.

23/06/18 Adjournment

Tommy Johnson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 18:23

Prepared By:

Erin Bartels, Secretary of the Board

Approved By:

Tommy Johnson, President

Jerry Hageman, Treasurer

Larry Maloney, Director

Larry Bauer, Director

Michelle Griggs, Director

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