



Woodstock Fire/Rescue District

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Woodstock Fire/Rescue District Board of Trustees Meeting Station 3, 2900 Raffel Rd. Thursday October 24th, 2024 Regular Meeting

Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Fred Spitzer.

Roll Call

Trustees Present: President Fred Spitzer, Secretary Bob Kristensen, Treasurer Pat Burke, Trustee Kim Mueller, Trustee Noel Baldwin.

Trustees Absent: None

Public Comments- None

Correspondence- The District received a thank you letter from McHenry Township Fire Protection District, and McHenry County College.

New Business: Due to the distance the auditor has to travel, President Spitzer moved up the “New Business” Approval of FY2024 Audit Report to be one of the first items up for discussion.

A motion was made Trustee Baldwin and seconded by President Spitzer to approve the FY2024 Audit report as presented by Gabriela Fedmasu, CPA from Weber Associates CPS’s, LLC. **Roll call vote:** Spitzer-yes; Kristensen- yes, Burke- yes; Mueller-yes; Baldwin- yes. **Motion Passed.** 5 ayes, 0 nay.

Minutes

A motion was made by Secretary Kristensen and seconded by Trustee Mueller to approve the minutes from the September 26th, 2024 regular session meeting. **Roll call vote:** Spitzer-yes; Kristensen- yes, Burke- yes; Mueller-yes; Baldwin- yes. **Motion Passed.** 5 ayes, 0 nay.

Financial Report

Brad with Gov Accounting LLC discussed revenue highlights compared to the previous year. Expenditures discussed included dispatch fees, admin expenses, personnel expenses (healthcare), pension funds, and ambulance fee collections. **Property Taxes:** The District has received 97% of property taxes, and ambulance fees collected are at 40% of the budget. **Miscellaneous Receipts:** Stanwood Trust Donation- \$24,795.00 and the US Treasury- 941 correction credit in the amount of \$13,980.00, McHenry County Fair ambulance stand-by \$10,140.00, The American Dream PAC ambulance stand-by \$5,400.00 and Foreign Fire Reimbursements in the amount of \$15,650.00, with an IGA reimbursement for Communications Specialist Alex Vucha’s IGA agreement between other fire Districts. Loan Proceeds: Collected \$735,000.00 for the 2nd payment on the Ladder Truck.

The Trustees reviewed the bill report presented for the month of October 2024. Any additional questions the Board had were addressed.



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A motion was made by Treasurer Burke and seconded by Trustee Baldwin to approve and pay the bills totaling \$730,228.94. **Roll call vote:** Spitzer-yes; Kristensen- yes; Burke- yes; Mueller-yes; Baldwin-yes. **Motion Passed.** 5 ayes, 0 nay.

Operations Report

Deputy Chief Hedges went over key topics on the Operations report for the month of September with the Trustees. The Operations report is a snap shot of the Districts monthly training activities, continuing education, CPR classes offered, Fire Prevention as well as Public Education. **Operations report will be available along with the packet the Friday after the meeting, upon request.**

Unfinished Business- None

New Business

Estimate of Taxes to be levied- 2024 Tax Levy

James from Gov. Accounting, LLC discussed with the Board of Trustees the estimate of taxes to be levied with the Board of Trustees via Zoom during the regular meeting. James provided the Board of Trustees with detailed slides of the current CPI, District EAV, new growth estimates, Historical Tax Levy Detail, tax rates, taxing Districts and PTell reduction. Any questions the Trustees had were answered.

A motion was made by President Spitzer and seconded by Treasurer Burke to approve the tax levy at 4.99%. **Roll call vote:** Spitzer-yes; Kristensen- yes; Burke- yes; Mueller-yes; Baldwin- no. **Motion Passed.** 4 ayes, 1 nay

Fire Engine Purchase

D.C Hedges discussed with the Board of Trustees the purchase of a new engine. Any questions the Trustees had for D.C Hedges were answered.

A motion was made by Trustee Mueller and seconded by Secretary Kristensen to approve the purchase of a new Pierce fire engine in the amount of \$1,129,00.00. **Roll call vote:** Spitzer-yes; Kristensen- yes; Burke- yes; Mueller-yes; Baldwin- yes. **Motion Passed.** 5 ayes, 0 nay

Ambulance Repair

D.C. Hedges discussed with the Trustees repairing our reserve ambulance. Any questions the Board had were answered.

A motion made by Secretary Kristensen and seconded by Treasurer Burke to make repairs to the ambulance not to exceed \$20,000.00. **Roll call vote:** Spitzer-yes; Kristensen- yes; Burke- yes; Mueller-yes; Baldwin- yes. **Motion Passed.** 5 ayes, 0 nay



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Stryker Cot & Stair Chair Lease Program

D. C. Hedges discussed with the Board the Stryker Cot and Stair Chair Lease program. D.C. Hedges explained how Strykers 5 year Stryker Cot & Stair Chair Lease Program would save the District money.

A motion was made by Secretary Kristensen and seconded by Treasurer Burke to approve the District entering into a lease agreement to outfit five ambulances with new power cots, load systems, stair chairs with Stryker for a period of five years, with a fixed annual payment of \$77,520.46 over the next five years. **Roll call vote:** Spitzer-yes; Kristensen- yes; Burke- yes; Mueller-yes; Baldwin- yes. **Motion Passed.** 5 ayes, 0 nay

A motion was made by President Spitzer and seconded by Trustee Baldwin to move into closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). - Career Firefighter/Paramedic Hiring's. **Roll call vote:** Spitzer-yes; Kristensen- yes; Burke- yes; Mueller-yes; Baldwin- yes. **Motion Passed.** 5 ayes, 0 nay

The Board of Trustees moved into closed session at approximately 9:01 pm.

President Spitzer reconvened the regular meeting at 9:17 pm with a roll call. All Trustees were present.

MOU- Joint Apprentice Committee Points

A motion was made by President Spitzer and seconded by Trustee Baldwin to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Local regarding the joint apprentice committee points as presented to us. **Roll call vote:** Spitzer-yes; Kristensen- yes; Burke- yes; Mueller-yes; Baldwin- yes. **Motion Passed.** 5 ayes, 0 nay

MOU- Pyramiding Provisions

A motion was made by President Spitzer and seconded by Secretary Kristensen to approve the Memorandum of Understanding- pyramiding provisions as presented to us. **Roll call vote:** Spitzer-yes; Kristensen- yes; Burke- yes; Mueller-yes; Baldwin- yes. **Motion Passed.** 5 ayes, 0 nay

Adjournment

With there being no further discussion, a motion was made by President Spitzer and seconded by Secretary Kristensen to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote taken, motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at **9:18 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary, Robert A. Kristensen