

**Minutes of the September 24, 2015
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the
West Chicago Fire Protection District
Held at 7:00 pm at
200 Fremont Street, West Chicago, IL**

Opened meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Dave Janaes with Trustee Charles Bratcher, Trustee Bonnie Gagliardi, Trustee Jim Grobe and Trustee Pat Murphy present. Also present were Attorney Vlad Shuliga, Chief Pat Tanner, Assistant Chief Tim Leidig, Accountant James Howard from Governmental Accounting, Gary Kosnoff of Digital Benefit Advisors and Administrative Assistant Joy Edminson. Also present were Battalion Chief Hugh Stott, Lt. Jim Buenrostro, Lt. Jeff Keefe, and Firefighters Scott Hamlin, Matt Keller, Mike Korzen and Greg Zudis.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 27, 2015 were reviewed. Correction to be made as follows...

Page three (3) – under Return to Open Session should read...
At 8:47 p.m. reconvened to Open Session.

Trustee Murphy made a motion to accept the minutes as revised, the motion was seconded by Trustee, Gagliardi, motion passed.

Minutes of the Closed Session held on August 27, 2015 were reviewed. Trustee Bratcher made a motion to accept the minutes as written, the motion was seconded by Trustee Grobe, motion passed.

President Janaes requested that the Closed Session minutes not be released at this time.

James Howard gave a Power Point presentation on the Budget Analysis for the three (3) months ended August 31, 2015. Hard copy included with Minutes.

The Financial Report/Chart of Accounts ending August 31, 2015 and the Accounts Payable (\$111,291.06) and Payroll (\$344,159.02) for August 28, 2015 through September 24, 2015 totaling \$455,450.08 were presented. Trustee Murphy made a motion to accept the Financial Reports as presented, Trustee Bratcher seconded. Roll call vote showed:

Trustee Murphy - Aye	Trustee Bratcher - Aye	Trustee Gagliardi - Aye
Trustee Grobe - Aye	Trustee Janaes - Aye	

Motion passed 5 – 0.

Gary Kosnoff, Districts broker from Digital Benefit Advisors, presented his Insurance proposal. Gary shared that the present plan with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois can be kept for two years if renewed by October 1, 2015. Discussion had on the Affordable Care Act plans and handouts were presented on Important Notice for Renewals for November and December 2015, Group Health Insurance Comparisons (including proposal to add three (3) alternative plan options) and Medical Cost Analysis for review and discussion. An October 1, 2015 renewal date of the present plan has a difference of 8.83% over the 2014/2015 plan. Gary took questions from the Board.

Health Insurance Renewal was not on the Agenda so no action was taken. A Special meeting will be held on Monday, September 28th at 5:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

INTERGOVERNMENTAL Chief Tanner informed the Board that the Fire Service Day planned for October 2, 2015 was cancelled.

FINANCIAL/ PLANNING: Chief Tanner shared that the 1992 Pierce Engine was sold for \$10,000.00.

ADMINISTRATION: None at this time.

EQUIPMENT/ CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT: None at this time.

DIVISIONAL REPORTS:

FIRE PREVENTION: Chief Tanner shared that three members were recognized by the Fire Investigative Task Force, Fire Marshal Joe Buenrostro, Lt. Ric Ciszewski and FF Frank Smogur.

COMPUTERS: Chief Tanner reported that a new Track System is in the works. Tanner also shared that he is still waiting for the new computers from Verizon, Verizon has postponed the date again.

Attorney Joe Miller joined the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS/ COMMUNITY LIAISON: Trustee Janaes handed out the WCFPD Commissioners Annual Report. The Chief shared that the Commissioners had met with Chief Tanner, AC Leidig and Attorney Joe Miller to discuss the Commissioners access to Joe Miller's legal counsel. Miller informed the Commissioners that they are included in the retainer with Joe Miller's office.

Trustee Janaes reminded the Board of this month's Coffee with the Mayor on Saturday, September 26th at 9:00 am.

UNION LOCAL 3970: FF Mike Korzen shared that Local 3970 and the District are working well together. Korzen also shared that three members, Matt Keller, Mike Korzen and Mike Myers, attended the dedication of a Remembrance Wall in Colorado Springs. WCFPD's own Vic Youngberg who passed away December 2013 was honored with his name engraved on the Wall. Also attending were Vic's wife, Robin, and daughters. Korzen shared that Robin expressed her appreciation for all of the Districts support. Chief Tanner thanked the Firefighters that attended.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS: An Election of Board Officers was conducted.

Trustee Murphy nominated Trustee Dave Janaes for the office of President. No other nominations and nominations were closed. Trustee Murphy made a motion to appoint Trustee Dave Janaes as President, the motion was seconded by Trustee Bratcher. Roll Call vote showed:

Trustee Murphy - Aye	Trustee Bratcher - Aye	Trustee Gagliardi - Aye
Trustee Grobe - Aye	Trustee Janaes - Aye	

Motion passed 5 – 0.

Trustee Janaes nominated Trustee Pat Murphy for the office of Treasurer. No other nominations and nominations were closed. Trustee Grobe made a motion to appoint Trustee Pat Murphy as Treasurer, the motion was seconded by Trustee Bratcher. Roll Call vote showed:

Trustee Grobe - Aye Trustee Bratcher - Aye Trustee Gagliardi - Aye
Trustee Murphy - Aye Trustee Janaes - Aye

Motion passed 5 – 0.

Trustee Murphy nominated Trustee Jim Grobe for the office of Secretary. No other nominations and nominations were closed. Trustee Murphy made a motion to appoint Trustee Jim Grobe as Secretary, the motion was seconded by Trustee Bratcher. Roll Call vote showed:

Trustee Murphy - Aye Trustee Bratcher - Aye Trustee Gagliardi - Aye
Trustee Grobe - Aye Trustee Janaes - Aye

Motion passed 5 – 0.

OLD BUSINESS: None at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS: Chief Tanner shared information on Airport Trainings. The Chief also informed the Board that Battalion Chief Stott and Buccola attended a one week class at the National Fire Academy.

Trustee Janaes reminded the Board of two upcoming events. The 4th annual “Chili for a Cure” to be held on Saturday, October 3rd at Hawthorne’s Backyard from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and the Open House to be held on Sunday, October 4th at Station #6 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Battalion Chief Hugh Stott reminded the Board that there will be a Blood Drive conducted by Life Source during the Open House from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Battalion Chief Stott also reported to the Board on a job well done on August 12th at an accident at Rt. 59 and Joliet with a critically injured motorcyclist. Engine 7, Medic 7, Battalion 6 and Squad 6 responded. The motorcyclist was transported to CDH alive but passed away six days later and was able to be an organ donor. BC Stott wanted to commend the members involved; Scott Alford, Nick Bulleri, Louis Carre, Scott Hamlin, Dave Link, John Malhot, Brendan O’Leary and Ken Zahara. The Chief and the Board commended BC Stott and the members.

Chief Tanner reported that Dr. Graham recognized the medics responding to another motorcycle accident that took place on June 24th. Chief Tanner told the Board that they can be proud of the actions of all the members of the WCFPD.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: None at this time.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS: Joe Miller informed the Board that it is getting close to Levy time and that the Levy must be filed by December 29, 2015 this year.

CLOSED SESSION: At 7:51 p.m., Trustee Murphy made a motion to enter into closed session to discuss the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the District, including whether a particular parcel should be acquired and the discussion of setting a price for the sale or lease of property owned by the district. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gagliardi. Motion passed.

Return to Regular Open Session was at 8:15 p.m.

POSSIBLE ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION:

Trustee Murphy made a motion to accept the resignation of Battalion Chief Steve Lakics, the motion was seconded by Trustee Gagliardi. Roll Call vote showed:

Trustee Murphy - Aye Trustee Gagliardi - Aye Trustee Bratcher - Aye
Trustee Grobe - Aye Trustee Janaes - Aye

Motion passed 5 – 0.

Trustee Bratcher made a motion to direct President Janaes to prepare a letter to the Commissioner's for the Promotion of one Lieutenant to Battalion Chief and one Firefighter/Paramedic to Lieutenant and for the hiring of one Firefighter/Paramedic to start ASAP, motion seconded by Grobe. Roll Call Vote showed:


Trustee Bratcher - Aye Trustee Grobe - Aye Trustee Murphy - Aye
Trustee Gagliardi- Aye Trustee Janaes - Aye

Motion passed 5 – 0.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Trustee Murphy and seconded by Trustee Grobe to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting is Thursday, October 22, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,


Jim Grobe
Secretary