

# Minutes of the Fern Creek Fire Protection District Board of Trustees meeting January 11, 2021 7:00 p.m.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent declarations of national and state of emergencies, no physical location for the public will be provided except for members of the board and essential employees. The meeting of this board is forced to be held via video teleconference using Gotomeeting.com via access code 519-137-621. A meeting invitation has been sent to each individual board member. The Public is invited to attend via video conferencing, <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/519137621> or via telephone by calling 1-872-240-3311. **Access Code:** 519-137-621 Board members have been notified via email and notice to the public was provided via posting at station # 1 (6200 Bardstown Road) and also on our website.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Ott at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: H. Ott, E. Brown, D. Shewmaker, T. Deloch, S. Pierce, C. Bauer , D. Bannon *(both in person and virtually)*

Guest present: Chief Mulvey, Deputy Chief Evans, Deputy Chief Storrie, Major Neal, Daugherty, Lt. Col Hutchens, Major Schmidt, Attorney M. Leach, several Department members and members of the public *(both in person and virtually)*

Major Schmidt reported on recent line of duty deaths. A moment of silence was observed.

Motion Shewmaker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brown to approve December minutes as presented. MC

Motion Shewmaker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brown to approve December financial reports as presented. Discussion regarding EMS expenses and income followed. MC

## **Announcements & Correspondence**

- Tax deposit received 1/11 in the amount of \$3,329,705.10 (93.99% collected)
- Current bank statements were available for review.
- Annual combined meeting of the Chiefs and Trustees will be held on January 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30. Details will be shared as they are received.
- Denton Group December report: *report provided updates on various bills that could impact the emergency service community; 4-day session began 1/4/21, with sessions resuming in February.*

## **Reminder**

- Aflac's cancer policy has an annual wellness benefit. Reminder to submit online for reimbursement.

## **Old Business**

No old business to report

## **Chief and Committee Reports**

Chief Mulvey: reported on fire and EMS run numbers and times; no response received from the KAG yet; has received the following resignations, Joey Ward, Sarah Park and Eric Blair. Motion Shewmaker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bauer to accept resignations of Park, Ward and Blair with regrets. MC ; Motion Shewmaker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deloch to change Major Elstone's status to "Exempt" based on qualifying job responsibilities. MC ; scholarship applications are currently being accepted through March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Deputy Chief Storrle: reported on the fireman's fund activity and balance; ISO report is still pending; RFP is now available for the new apparatus. Committee has decided to go with either, Seagrave, Pierce or E1. RFP will ask for HGAC pricing; Bids are due March 5<sup>th</sup>.

Deputy Chief Evans: Moving forward with the ESO transition process; Training starts back Jan 4<sup>th</sup>; started using an online platform, called Fire Rescue 1 Academy, for additional training opportunities.

Lt. Col. Hutchens: Despite Covid restrictions, the pinning ceremonies and drive-thru Christmas party was a success; working on projects for 2021 pending Covid restrictions.

Major Neal: 7182 should be back in-service next week; received \$10,770 from second round of CARES act; hiring process to begin in a few weeks for staffing of the new ambulances.

Major Schmidt: reported on those members who have not received their fit for duty.

Major Elstone: reported on residential and commercial building activity within the District.

### **New Business**

- Motion Shewmaker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bauer to approve revision to section 300, Holidays, of the employee handbook. MC
- Nancy's review is due 2/10. A blank version of her evaluation has been emailed for any Trustee wishing to give input. Please have to Chairman Ott by 2/1.
- Motion Shewmaker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bauer to request an engagement letter from Jones Nale & Mattingly for the FYE 06/2021 audit of financial records. MC
- Board discussed current legislation bills and their position on the said proposed bills.

### **Adjournment**

Motion Shewmaker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bauer to adjourn at 8:28 p.m. MC

Respectfully submitted,



Tracy Deloch, Secretary



Nancy Daugherty, Recorder