

Minutes of the Fern Creek Fire Protection District Board of Trustees meeting February 8, 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 was provided except for members of the board and essential employees. The meeting of this board was forced to be held via video teleconference using Gotomeeting.com via access code 457-344-109. A meeting invitation was sent to each individual board member. The Public was invited to attend via video conferencing, <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/457344109> or via telephone by calling 1-669-224-3412. **Access Code:** 457-344-109 Board members were 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 7:02 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, Lt. Col Hutchens, Major Schmidt, Attorney M. Leach, several Department members and members of the public *(both in person and virtually)*

Motion Deloch, 2nd Shewmaker to approve January minutes as presented. MC
Motion Pierce, 2nd Bauer to approve January financial reports as presented. MC

Announcements & Correspondence

- Current bank statements were available for review.
- October minutes filed and stamped with the County Clerk's Office *12/21/2020*.
- November minutes filed and stamped with the County Clerk's Office *01/12/2021*.
- December minutes filed and stamped with the County Clerk's Office *1/22/2021*.
- Annual sensitivity/diversity training will be held on February 15th @ 9am and 7pm and at 9am on February 16th and 17th. Members will have the option to attend virtually.
- Denton Group January report: *January's session was extended 4 days in order to restrict the Governor's powers during an emergency (Governor vetoed) and to pass bill pertaining to abortion; February session will focus on passing 1 year budget. Chairman Ott will review and distribute the most recent update (received at the beginning of this meeting) if it contains pertinent information.*

Old Business

- Nancy's review due 2/10
- Attorney Leach reported that there is no new information in the AG's opinion regarding military leave.

Chief and Committee Reports

Chief Mulvey: recognized employees and volunteers service awards for 2020; reported on fire and EMS run times and call volume; EMS billables for January were lower than expected. Chief and Major Neal will contact 911 Billing to discuss; reported on surplus items; has been appointed by KY Fire Chief's Board to the legislative committee. Reported on HB44; PRN T.J. Stigers and B. Dant have asked to be removed from our PRN list. Motion Shewmaker, 2nd Bauer to remove Stigers and Dant from our roster of PRNs. MC

Deputy Chief Storrie: reported that the HGAC proposals for the new apparatus should be available by March 5th and committee hopes to report to this Board by the April meeting; ISO report is still not available; reported on Fireman's fund.

Deputy Chief Evans: training has resumed, and we continue to follow CDC guidelines; reported on the Health Department's latest COVID-19 guidelines; ESO progress continues; new recruit class begins next week. Motion

Shewmaker, 2nd Brown to accept new recruits as members of the Department based on the Chief's recommendation. MC

Lt. Col. Hutchens: Covid is still restricting events; working on 2021/2022 budget submissions.

Major Neal: will be traveling to Braun 2/22 – 2/24 to pick up the ambulances. (Pierce reported she will be completing loan documents on 2/16 with Park Community); 6 new EMS positions have been posted for positions that will begin in April; 7182 is back in service; David Price (PRN) has had no contact with us since beginning of his employment last March. Neal to send a certified letter to D. Price regarding his intentions of future employment with the Department; Advanced EMT class will be completed soon; 3 PRNs are interested in becoming full time.

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

Major Elstone: reported on various new construction throughout the district and the possibility of flood plain restrictions being revised.

New Business

- Sick leave policy revision was presented and discussed. Policy will be revised based on discussion and presented again in March.
- Motion Bauer, 2nd Deloch to accept engagement letter received from Jones Nale & Mattingly for FYE 06/2021 audit - cost will not exceed \$12,100. MC
- Term expirations: Susan Pierce (Mayor appointed) and Eric Brown (Firefighter Elected) terms will expire June 30, 2021. Notification will be sent to the Mayor's office for the expiration of Pierce's term. Motion Bauer, 2nd Brown to recommend to the Mayor's office that Pierce be reappointed. MC *a letter will be sent to the Mayor's office for this recommendation*
- Chief has received 3 bids for the station # 1 bathroom renovations (budgeted under buildings and additions). Elite Restoration won the bid at \$59,939. Transparency note: Colonel Hutchens is the owner of this business. Project will be postponed for 45-60 days.

Adjournment

Motion Shewmaker, 2nd Bauer to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. MC

Respectfully submitted,


Tracy Deloch, Secretary

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