



Woodstock Fire/Rescue District

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Woodstock Fire/Rescue District Board of Trustees Meeting Station 3, 2900 Raffel Rd. Thursday February 27th, 2025 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, Trustee Noel Baldwin, Trustee Kim Mueller

Trustees Absent: Secretary Bob Kristensen, Treasurer Pat Burke

Public Comments- None

Correspondence- Life Saving Rescue

Chief Parker discussed how this life saving rescue transpired. Chief Parker stated “ tonight, we are here to celebrate Edward R. and reconnect him with all of the rescuers that came to his aid that day. On December 27, 2024, the Woodstock Fire Rescue District was requested for mutual aid by Wonder Lake Fire. Edward, the patient was having difficulty breathing. Upon our arrival, they found Edward sitting in his kitchen table, his oxygen levels weren't doing very good at that point. Crews initiated ALS care and moved Edward to the ambulance for transport. Edward regained a pulse in the emergency department, spent several days at McHenry ICU, later being discharged to a rehab center before going home with no deficits. Edward came up to the front of the room and thanked the crews, hospital staff and dispatchers for saving his life. The patients daughter also stood up and thanked everyone involved for giving her dad a second chance at life.

President Spitzer announced that we would take 5-10 minutes to have some refreshments and coffee and we will reconvene in a few minutes.

Minutes

President Spitzer announced that due to not having a quorum of Trustees who can vote on any of the minutes on the agenda this evening, we will pass on reviewing and approving both the regular and closed session minutes until the next Board of Trustees meeting in March.

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 100% of property taxes, and ambulance fees collected are at 78% 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, ambulance stand-by \$20,940.00 and Foreign Fire Reimbursements in the amount of \$15,650.00, with an IGA reimbursement for Communications Specialist Alex Vucha's IGA agreement



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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 February, 2025. Any questions the Trustees had were addressed.

A motion was made by President Spitzer and seconded by Trustee Mueller to approve and pay the bills in the amount of \$178,114.96. **Roll call vote:** Spitzer-yes; Baldwin- yes; Mueller- yes. **Motion Passed.** 3 ayes, 0 nay, 2 Absent.

Operations Report

Deputy Chief Hedges went over key topics on the Operations report for the month of January 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. Mike Shannon, the Districts Fleet Mechanic, completed over 60 work orders for the month of January.

Please note: **Operations report will be available along with the packet the Friday after the meeting, upon request.**

Unfinished Business- None

New Business

Ordinance 250- Charges of Emergency Medical Services

B.C. Jeff Lesniak discussed with the Board of Trustees Ordinance 250- Charges of Emergency Medical Services. B.C. Lesniak explained to the Trustees that the reasoning for the increase of charges for our emergency medical services is due to the cost increase of medical supplies, fuel and vehicle maintenance.

A motion was made by Trustee Baldwin and seconded by President Spitzer to approve Ordinance 250, an ordinance establishing a schedule of charges for emergency medical services. **Roll call vote:** Spitzer-yes; Baldwin- yes; Mueller- yes. **Motion Passed.** 3 ayes, 0 nay, 2 Absent.

T10325 (481) Repair

Deputy Chief Hedges discussed with the Board of Trustees the repairs needed on Truck 481. Deputy Chief Hedges stated that he verified in the Fire Protection District Act that we don't have to go out to bid for this repair, and there is an exemption. Exemption 4 in that section of the Act allows for us to sign a contract for the maintenance or servicing of equipment that's proprietary to that specific company.

He is seeking authorization from the Board for the transmission repair in the amount of \$35,000. He is also looking for authorization to repair the radiator fan clutch and fan so that truck is ready to go. Deputy Chief Hedges stated "this truck isn't even worth more than salvage if we don't have a working transmission on it, so we'll use it for at least 6 months before that new truck is even able to be in service, and whether we keep it as a reserve or we look to sell it, it has to be in operable condition to be able to make that work".



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A motion was made by Trustee Mueller and seconded by Trustee Baldwin to approve the expenses to repair the ladder truck 481 in the amount of \$35,000.00 for the transmission and \$3,200.00 for the radiator fan clutch and fan. **Roll call vote:** Spitzer-yes; Baldwin- yes; Mueller- yes. **Motion Passed.** 3 ayes, 0 nay, 2 Absent.

Adjournment

With there being no further discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Baldwin and seconded by Trustee Mueller to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote taken, motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at **8:15 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert A. Kristensen". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Secretary, Robert A. Kristensen

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