

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE MEHLVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, ON THE
27TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2017

The Board of Directors of the Mehlville Fire Protection District of St. Louis County, Missouri, met at the Mehlville Conference Room, 11020 Mueller Road, St. Louis County, Missouri, on the 27th day of September, 2017.

Present at the meeting were:

Aaron Hilmer, Chairman and Director of the Board;

Bonnie C. Stegman, Treasurer and Director of the Board;

Edmond Ryan, Secretary and Director of the Board; and

Brian Hendricks, Fire Chief of the Mehlville Fire Protection District.

Mr. Hilmer called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and announced the Board to be in session for the transaction of business.

Mr. Ryan made a motion to approve the Board meeting minutes of August 9 and 23, 2017. Dr. Stegman seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Dr. Stegman made a motion to pay the bills of September 13, 20 and 27, 2017. Mr. Ryan seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Chief Financial Officer Brian Bond presented the August 2017 Financial Statements. \$25,000 of 2016 tax revenue was received from St. Louis County, bringing the total to \$15.607 million, approximately 96% of calculated tax revenue. \$14,500 was received from the sale of the 1993 Pierce pumper. The General and Pension funds appear to be on course with the budget. Dr. Stegman made a motion to approve the August 2017 Financial Statement and Treasurer's Report as presented. Mr. Ryan seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Chief Hendricks said that the Apparatus Committee had reviewed the specifications in the 1250 GPM pumper bids and recommends approving the low bid from Pierce Manufacturing. Dr. Stegman made a motion to approve the purchase of the pumper from Pierce Manufacturing at a cost of \$538,433.62. Mr. Ryan seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Roy Mangan with Archimages presented elevations and site plans for the new training facility. The civil engineer on the project is CEDC. The project will include a parking area in the front and a two-story facility with front entry into the upper level of the training center. Below the training center will be a storage facility, and behind the storage facility will be a garage for apparatus storage. He anticipates a November meeting with St. Louis County for a conditional use permit. Mr. Ryan asked if any problems were anticipated with burning on the property. Chief Hendricks said that the neighbors had been contacted, and he did not anticipate any issues. Chief Hendricks said that the burn tower will be built on site by the supplier company and supervised by Archimages. Mr. Mangan reviewed cost projections ranging from \$1.4 to \$2.1 million based upon similar structures.

Chief Financial Officer Brian Bond presented drafts of the preliminary 2018 budget and the 2017 tax rate resolution. The Board of Equalization's 2017 assessed values reflect a \$166.4 million increase over 2016. For each of the General and Pension funds, the 2017 tax rate calculators were accessed through the State Auditor's website, and those calculators were utilized to determine the current year's tax rate ceiling, or the maximum allowable amount that may be levied. The 2017 aggregate amount is a blended rate of 68 cents. In looking at the maximum allowable amount that may be

levied, the 2017 tax rates are projecting \$16.924 million available for fiscal year 2018. St. Louis County retains 1.5% as their fee for collection and processing, resulting in \$16.67 million available for District use. The Revised Statutes of Missouri Chapter 67 require that the tax rates are calculated to produce substantially the same revenues as required in the annual budget. The 2018 preliminary budget includes the premise that there will be no voluntary reduction in the tax rates. Over \$1 million will be transferred from the General to the Capital fund to cover capital expenditures. \$1,000,000 will be transferred from the General to the Pension fund to offset current year shortfalls in the Pension Fund as well as to increase reserves for future underfunded disability payments. Salaries expense shows an increase because of an additional seven full-time equivalents, increasing the model to 40 members per crew. Also included in the budget are estimated increases in health insurance premiums and \$287,000 for debt service. The 2018 preliminary budget forecasts that the 2017 tax revenue will provide \$462,000 more than the 2017 budget. Due to the projected increases in tax revenue, interest revenue, ambulance collections, and permit fees, the 2018 preliminary budget forecasts a \$637,000 increase in total revenue over the 2017 budget. The 2018 preliminary budget forecasts a \$632,000 increase on the expense side, due primarily to the \$407,000 increase in salaries, \$340,000 increase in benefits, and a small decrease in capital expenditures. Overall, the 2018 preliminary budget forecasts \$6,000 excess of revenue over expenditures, of which \$1,000 will fund future disability payment obligations, and \$5,000 excess will be left in the General Fund. These results demonstrate the need to fix the tax rates at the tax rate ceiling for 2017 in the General Revenue and Pension funds. The 2018 Preliminary Budget will continue to be refined for final presentation to the Board in December, 2017.

Mr. Bond presented the draft 2017 Tax Rate Resolution, which fixes the 2017 tax rates at the tax rate ceiling for the General Revenue and Pension funds. Dr. Stegman made a motion to approve the 2017 Tax Rate Resolution. Mr. Ryan seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Hilmer then made a motion that a closed meeting be held for the purpose of discussing a legal issue immediately following the adjournment of the regular meeting. Mr. Hilmer, as part of said motion, moved that said closed meeting not be open to members of the general public under the provisions of Chapter 610 of the Missouri Revised Statutes, commonly referred to as the Sunshine Act. The motion was seconded by Dr. Stegman. A roll call vote on said motion was taken.

Director Hilmer yea.

Director Stegman yea.

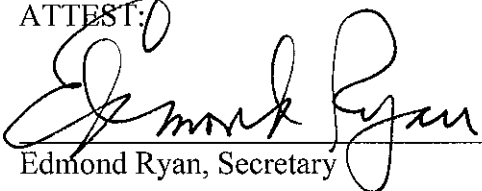
Director Ryan yea.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.



Aaron Hilmer, Chairman

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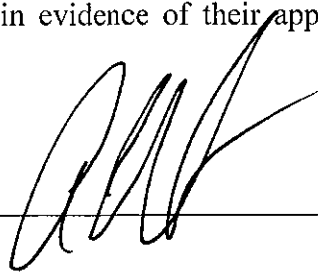


Edmond Ryan, Secretary

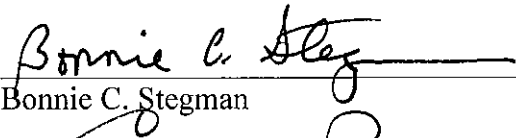
The undersigned, being all members of the Board of Directors of the Mehlville Fire Protection District, have affixed their names thereto in evidence of their consent to

the meeting at the time and place indicated, and in evidence of their approval of the actions taken at the said meeting.

Aaron Hilmer



Bonnie C. Stegman



Edmond Ryan

