

Lake Ozark Fire District
Public Meeting Minutes
Date 08/12/2024

The Lake Ozark Fire Protection District met in regular session on Monday August 12, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 3:30pm by Director Kempf and the pledge of allegiance was said.

Present: Chairman, Charlie Kempf
 Director/Treasurer/ Paul Faulconer
 Director Mike Bayless
 Fire Chief/Marc Carr
 Deputy Chief-Operations/Brandon Roberts
 Deputy Chief-EMS/ Matt Hegel -absent
 Building Inspector/ Charles Misenheimer
 Attorney/Michael Schmid
 Secretary/Michelle Kauten
 Finance Control Officer/Amy Heier
 BC Hutzler

Public Attendees: David Matusik

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None

MINUTES July 25, 2024: A motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on July 25, 2024, was made by Director Bayless and seconded by Director Faulconer, motion passed and carried.

FINANCE CONTROL OFFICER REPORT:

- The July Financial Reports were presented to the Board.
- RFP is out for propane and fuel and is due this Thursday.
- We will need a meeting before the end of August to set the tax levy.

BILLING: A motion to approve the billing was made by Director Bayless and seconded by Director Faulconer, motion passed and carried.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT:

- Department Participation: A-shift onsite tours and education for MO Foster and Adoption convention at the lodge.
- Thank you to NW Fire Prot District for donation of 1 stick of hard suction hose.
- Estimated proforma for sales tax measure
- Recommendation for a formal promotional ceremony in September/October, as well as unit citations to celebrate our teammates, with their families and friends
- Work/Life balance survey sent out to entire membership-should be available for report out at September meeting
- Would like to discuss deep dive budget analysis.
- Potential demo engine depending upon apparatus committee feedback on a similar configured engine that's already in service.
 - If favorable, this would be performed with deferred lease purchase with first payments due in 2026, which would fall into the bond renewal timeframe.

- If renewal of bonds failed, proper implementation of sinking fund now would allow for either minimum payment or payment of unit in full.
- No apparatus would be sold if this would come to fruition as it would still allow for us to retain a true reserve engine and reclassify E24 as a tanker/tender for ISO purposes.
- Request approval for RFP publishing for (3) new staff vehicles for the DC's. Provided we are able to achieve bids this late in the year and purchases are approved by the BOD, we would seek surplus status of the 2 Tahoes (201 and 202) currently utilized and place them on GovDeals. **A motion was made to publish an RFP for 3 new staff vehicles by Director Faulconer, seconded by Director Bayless, motion passed and carried.**
- All but 6 totes of the Foam at ST4 have been removed. Updated ETA for final completion.
- ST1 Reconstruction RFP due date extended until Monday September 16th at 4pm.
- Engine 24 (remaining precision engine) currently assigned to MO State Fair.
- No Labor management meetings held since last BOD meeting due to lack of topics and committee members on deployment.
- Recommendation for seeking joint training with Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service. Still on the radar for implementation, but deferred scheduling until fall due to vacations, deployments, etc.
- Next Meeting scheduled for Wednesday September 18th at 8:00AM

DEPUTY CHIEF-OPERATIONS REPORT:

- **Lexipol:** Sent policies for review to Directors Faulconer, Kempf, and Bayless and to legal.
- **Training:** LAESA training this month has been postponed due to conflicting schedules with an instructor. / Secured a house donated by a local realtor to utilize for training. The home is scheduled for demolition at the end of the month. The realtor has ensured utilities have been controlled. We have also discussed in length any present safety hazards within the structure. These safety hazards have been noted. We will collaborate with shift leadership to preplan the structure before any training evolutions occur.
- **Promotional Process:** The promotional process has commenced, and we have promoted Brandon Pharr and Nicolas Hutzler to Battalion Chiefs. Chief Pharr will lead the B-shift, and Chief Hutzler will lead the A-shift. Also, Tanner Garber has been promoted to fire captain, and Captain Garber will be the captain on the B-shift.
- **New Hire:** We have hired Tanner Kerr. Tanner comes from Republic Fire. He will be assigned to A-shift, where he will undergo on-the-job training. Tanner will visit us on August 12th for orientation and start on September 3rd. We are excited to have Tanner come aboard.
- **Insurance Claim:** The clean-up at station 4 is in its final stages. / We have discussed our roof issue with Assured Partners; they are sending an adjuster out on August 13th to inspect the roof with the contractor.
- **Hot Summer Nights:** The fourth hot summer night occurred on August 9th, with no significant incidents.
- **Vacancies:** We have had a heavy interest in the vacant Deputy Chief of Professional Development position. The interview panel and questions are still being discussed and developed.
- **LifeScan Wellness:** LifeScan will be here August 26th – 30th for annual physicals.
- **Ameren (Osage Energy Center):** We are partnering with Ameren and American Hydro to develop a comprehensive safety plan for replacing Turbines 2 and 4 at Bagnell Dam.
 - The project is scheduled to commence on September 3rd, with American Hydro arriving on-site on August 26th. American Hydro, Ameren, and LOFPD will conduct scenario-

based planning sessions to finalize a robust and effective response plan and ensure seamless coordination.

DEPUTY CHIEF-EMS REPORT:

- M-22 still OOS for suspension system issues. Parts are ordered and should be in service next week.
- Still working in the training supply closet. Much closer to being able to conduct efficient, safe, and effective EMS training with our members and partners.
- Continued reviewing and working to update medical protocols.
- Worked through medication changes for expirations from previous month. Communicated changes to members.
- Using historical use data, worked to further optimize our medical supply levels and reduce waste cost.
- Updated medication drip rates on Handtevy. With our dosages, med concentrations, and protocols we were able to remove the need for providers to perform drug calculations during patient treatment.
- Worked with Capt. Freese on new billing designations and requirements within the EMS QA process.
- With Chief Roberts, I attended a planning meeting with Ameren and American Hydro to put together a comprehensive rescue/ safety plan for upcoming work being performed on the dam.
- With the other chiefs, I attended a planning meeting for the upcoming Shootout Street Party to ensure all operational needs are met.
- Working with our various capital equipment vendors, I am building a capital replacement plan for all EMS capital items. Consideration is given for manufacturer recommended replacement interval, industry best practice, and call volume at LOFPD. Still awaiting pricing, lead times, and anticipated price increases from most vendors
- Redesigned the RFP, Employment Opportunities, and Meet Our Staff sections of the website.

FIRE CODE OFFICIAL REPORT:

- **Annual Lodging Inspections:** continue this week and next week. Rockwood Resort was inspected on Tuesday and Alhonna Resort on Wednesday. Point Randall and Buddy's Harbor are both scheduled for August 13th. The Lodge of Four Seasons is scheduled for August 20th.
- **Transaction Fees for Credit Card Payments of Permit Fees:** When COVID closed our offices to the public, we partnered with a credit card company to accept payments for permits online as a convenience to our customers. We did set a flat \$4.00 convenience fee that we have been passing on to the customer, but that fee doesn't cover any permit transaction other than the basic dock permit fee (under \$100). We have been eating the 2.9% charge for each transaction of \$100 or more. Michelle has done some research online along with contacting our legal counsel and it appears to be clearly legal to pass the 2.9% convenience fee on to the customer. She has also spoken to the credit card company (Stripe) and received directions on how to calculate the convenience fee.
- We would like to request Board approval of changing the flat \$4 convenience fee to 2.9% on all credit card transactions. We intend to post a notice informing customers of the additional 2.9% convenience fee and the ability to pay by check or cash in person or by mail to avoid the 2.9% convenience fee. The notice will be posted on Michelle's window, on our website in the permits

section, and on the online credit card payment form. **A motion was made to approve passing on the 2.9% convenience fee to customers who choose to use a credit card for payments by Director Kempf, seconded by Director Faulconer, motion passed and carried.**

- **Training:** August 14-16 I will be attending the annual Fire Marshals Association of Missouri (FMAM) training conference at Margaritaville Resort in Osage Beach.
- **Dock Permits to Date:** 162
- **Building Permits to Date:** 74
- **Fireworks Permits to Date:** 19

BOARD MEMBER REPORT:

- None

UNION REPRESENTATIVE: *(Shop Steward Lowry entered the meeting via conference call.)*

- Shop Steward Lowry stated he plans to schedule a Labor Management meeting soon.
- The response letter for the Longevity Grievance was received and will be discussed at the next Shop meeting on Aug. 29th.

(Lowry disconnected from the call.)

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Setting the levy for the upcoming year. This resolution allows us the ability to set reimbursement rates for TIF projects. We need a motion to approve/renew this resolution for the upcoming year. **A motion was made to approve Resolution No. 2024-003 by Director Kempf seconded by Director Faulconer. Roll call vote: Kempf - aye; Faulconer- aye; Bayless - aye.**

MISCELLANEOUS HEARINGS:

- None

The motion to close this meeting and move into Executive Session as allowed by State Statute; was made by Director Bayless and seconded by Director Faulconer at 4:05pm. Roll call vote: Kempf - aye; Faulconer- aye; Bayless - aye.


Reconvene at 5:09pm

The Board came back into regular session and announced the following were discussed in the Executive Session: legal and personnel matters.

ADJOURN: With no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Director Kempf and seconded by Director Bayless to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:09pm. **Roll call vote: Kempf -aye; Faulconer-aye; Bayless-aye.**

Minutes approved on:

9.18-2024



Charlie Kempf, Board President



Lake Ozark Fire District
Public Hearing Meeting Minutes
Date 8/28/24

Public Meeting to set the tax levy was held on Wednesday August 28, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 8:30AM by Director Kempf and the pledge of allegiance was said.

Present: Chairman, Charlie Kempf
 Director/Treasurer/ Paul Faulconer
 Director Mike Bayless via Teams
 Fire Chief/Marc Carr via Teams
 Deputy Chief-Operations/Brandon Roberts
 Deputy Chief-EMS/ Matt Hegel
 Secretary/Michelle Kauten
 Finance Control Officer/Amy Heier

Public Attendees: None

The tax levy was set at:

Camden County:

The assessed valuations listed by category, of real \$275,379,531, personal \$74,570,705, and other tangible property \$0.

.5882 per \$100 valuation for fire protection services. The amount of revenue required to be provided from the property tax is \$2,058,407.

.5763 per \$100 valuation, for ambulance services. The amount of revenue required to be provided from the property tax is \$2,016,763.

.08 per \$100 valuation, for debt services. The amount of revenue required to be provided from the property tax is \$279,960.

Miller County:

The assessed valuations listed by category, of real \$149,986,244, personal \$35,281,079, and other tangible property \$0.

.5882 per \$100 valuation for fire protection services. The amount of revenue required to be provided from the property tax is \$1,089,742.

.5763 per \$100 valuation, for ambulance services. The amount of revenue required to be provided from the property tax is \$1,067,696.

.08 per \$100 valuation, for debt services. The amount of revenue required to be provided from the property tax is \$148,214.

Motion to approve the tax levy was made by Director Kempf, seconded by Director Faulconer. Roll call vote: Director Kempf- aye; Director Faulconer – aye; Director Bayless - aye.

ADJOURN: With no questions regarding the tax levy, a motion was made by Director Kempf and seconded by Director Faulconer to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 8:34AM **Roll call vote: Kempf - aye; Bayless- aye; Faulconer- aye.**

Minutes approved on:

9-18-2024



Charlie Kempf, Board President



Michelle Kauten, Board Secretary