



## Fox River & Countryside Fire/Rescue District

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### MINUTES

#### Monthly Board Meeting

Station 1 – 34W500 Carl Lee Rd., St. Charles, IL 60174

Monday, October 25, 2021 @ 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order – President LeBlanc called the monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Fox River & Countryside Fire Rescue District to order at 7:01 PM.
  - a. Roll Call  
Present: 5 Trustees – Karr, LeBlanc, McManus, Parthun, Wegman                      Absent: 0  
Also Present: Assist Fire Chief Bert Lancaster, Attorney Kenneth Shepro, James Howard Gov. Accounting LLC, Tracy Dunklau Administrative Assistant, staff and residents.
  - b. Pledge of Allegiance: President LeBlanc led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance
2. Public Comment: None
3. Reports:
  - a. Financial Report – James Howard with Gov. Accounting, LLC provided the September 2021 monthly financial reports and suggested now is a good time to look at debt consolidating and restructuring. James also presented the District's Tax Levy to be approved at the November Board of Trustees meeting. The Board of Trustees made the Tax Levy Determination of 4.98% (under the Truth in Taxation 5%) and will consider approval the Tax Levy Ordinance at the November Meeting.
  - b. Chief's Report – Interim Chief Bert Lancaster, presented the September 2021 District detail report. He reported on attending the IFCA conference, completion of the OSFM Small Tools Grant and the newly implemented Fire Inspection software.
  - c. Attorney's Report – Attorney Shepro reported the Village of Wayne might be disbanding their PD and contracting with the Sheriff. He will keep the Board updated on developments.
  - d. President's Report – None at this time
  - e. Trustees' Report – Trustee McManus asked about the policy manual with the Chief providing an update. Trustee Wegman stated the OMA website continues to be down.
4. Consent Agenda  
A motion was made by Trustee LeBlanc and seconded by Trustee Parthun to approve the consent agenda as presented.  
On roll call the vote was:  
**Yes: 5** Karr, LeBlanc, McManus, Parthun, Wegman                      **No: 0**                      **Absent: 0**  
**The Motion Carried**
5. Old Business (for discussion and/or action) None
6. New Business (for discussion and/or action)  
Chief Lancaster's Contract – Moved to Closed Session

7. Closed Session – Trustee LeBlanc made a motion to adjourn to closed session at 7:32 PM for the purpose of consideration of employment and/or compensation of specific employees of the public body, probable or imminent litigation and for consideration of Closed Session Minutes, as permitted by the Open Meetings Act. Trustee Parthun seconded the motion.

On roll call the vote was:

**Yes: 5** Karr, LeBlanc, McManus, Parthun, Wegman      **No: 0**      **Absent: 0**

**The Motion Carried**

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:32 PM

Meeting returned to open session at 8:52 PM

A motion was made by Trustee Wegman and seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to approve the September 20, 2021 Closed Session Minutes.

On roll call the vote was:

**Yes: 5** Karr, LeBlanc, McManus, Parthun, Wegman      **No: 0**      **Absent: 0**

**The Motion Carried**

8. Adjournment: A motion was made by Trustee Wegman and seconded by Trustee Parthun to adjourn the Monthly Meeting at 8:53 PM.

On voice vote: All AYES were heard. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Tracy Dunklau, Administrative Assistant

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John Karr, Secretary