



# WILTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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## MINUTES

### Regular Meeting of the Board

Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Wilton Fire Station 81

#### ATTENDANCE

Directors Present: Ron Fiorica, Al Iaccopucci, Edgar Monroy, Joe Guardino, Tom Dark, Obe Brown

Staff Present: Fire Chief, Jeff Cookson and Clerk of the Board, Andrea Adams

#### A. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Director Fiorica called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. John Howell

#### B. ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Director Fiorica stated regarding the standing Planning, Finance, Policies and Procedures and By-Laws Committees, he's asked for the named Directors to participate on the following committees:

The Finance Committee - Director Guardino and Director Monroy

The Planning Committee - Director Guardino and myself (Director Fiorica)

The Policies and Procedures and By-Laws Committee – Director Monroy and myself (Director Fiorica)

#### C. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Mr. Eugene Rose stated he has two matters in which he would like to address at tonight's Board of Directors Meeting:
  - 1). Revisions to Section 5020 of the Policies and Procedures Manual
  - 2). A statement made by a member of the Board of Directors at the Meeting of 12/17/14

In regard to the first matter at the Board Meeting of 12/17/14, the Chair indicated that my concerns, as related to access to the Governing Board, were based on an outdated copy of the Policies and Procedures Manual. I have since received updated versions of that Section and Sub-Sections of 5020, and have reviewed the material provided. I am requesting an opportunity to meet with a representative or representatives of the WFPD at a time of convenience to discuss that specific section in its entirety. I defer to the Governing Board for directions on how to proceed.

2. In regard to the second statement made by the Representative of the Board of Directors at the Meeting of 12/17/14:

As a point of clarification, I am not interested in making the WFPD, its Governing Board, its management or its first responders "look bad". In fact, I have on a number of occasions expressed my support for our local Fire Department, both publicly and privately. Minutes of the Public Meeting of the Board of Directors dated 7/17/13, and 4/16, 6/18, 7/16 of 2014, as well as a letter to the Editor of the River Valley Times in 1/14 attest to that support. I also refer you to an email sent to Interim Fire Chief, Jeff Cookson, regarding the Open House which occurred in 2014. Those statements are recorded as



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part of the Minutes under the above stated corresponding dates. A copy of the referenced email is available for review.

Some individuals continue to believe I have some sort of vendetta against this Agency. Those beliefs, although untrue, will no doubt continue and nothing I say or do will change those opinions and beliefs. Although somewhat of a distraction, those beliefs and opinions will not deter my quest for information.

My intention continues to be an interest in reviewing services provided and how those services are delivered to the Community of Wilton. For the last year and a half, my focus has been related to "community access" to the Governing Board and delivery of medical aid. That focus has not changed. I will continue to research those two areas as I stated in 7/14, "bring to the attention of the Governing Body, areas of concern as it relates to the Community of Wilton. It is hoped that members of the Board and the Fire Chief will review the material with an open mind and independent thinking, while keeping in mind what is the best interest of the Community of Wilton." As previously stated, my hope is for a resolution at the local level.

For the most part, the Governing Board and management have done an admirable job. Any great agency can withstand review. Governing Boards and management personnel come and go. This great agency has and will continue long after those individuals entrusted in their leadership roles have moved on. The legacy of those in positions of leadership will be judged by others. Their accomplishments on behalf of the community should be a deciding factor. I have always been a proponent of citizen oversight of tax dependent agencies. Both the State and Federal Government through enactment of specific statutes provide for the opportunity of citizens to access and review documents related to the conducting of the people's business. I am confident that the WFPD can withstand the review. Thank you.

### D. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **M/S Brown/Guardino** To approve the consent calendar as written.  
**Approved 5/0**

### E. STAFF REPORTS

1. Chief Cookson updated the Board on the prior month's activities through the Chief's Report:
  - i. December 2014 reported 51 calls and December 2013 reported 46 calls;
  - ii. Significant Calls – There were no significant incidences, only a couple minor vehicle accidents and standard medical aid calls;
  - iii. Vehicle Maintenance – Jim Graham took Rehab 81 to On the Spot RV and they donated a battery and performed miscellaneous rewiring at no charge; miscellaneous lights were replaced on W-22 and W-9;
  - iv. Building Maintenance –The electrical was installed for the new door opener at Station 83 and Friday it will be installed. Dan has ordered parts for the compressor at Station 83;
  - v. Training included EMS Skills on Tuesday and Saturday will be EMS Scenarios and Sign Offs;
  - vi. General Information – Crews damaged a culvert while Map Book Training. It was turned into the insurance company, repairs have been made, and all paperwork is complete. Apparatus inventory binders are complete with photos and tools listed for each compartment; Firefighter Alex Carl took on the project to finish it up.



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## F. NEW BUSINESS

1. CSDA Representatives – Director Fiorica

Recommendation: To select a member of the Board to act as a CSDA Representative.

Discussion: Director Fiorica stated he reviewed our Policies and Procedures Manual and noted that the Board shall maintain a membership in the CSDA, and in January of each year, we shall select a member of the Board to represent us. Director Guardino volunteered for the Representative position and Director Fiorica volunteered as Alternate.

**No Action Taken**

## G. OLD BUSINESS

1. New Apparatus – Director Guardino

Recommendation: Director Guardino recommended purchasing two water tenders and one engine.

Discussion: Director Guardino stated the binder the Directors received included a plan to purchase apparatus. He stated in the plan there are phases of purchase recommended by staff. We're looking to approve Purchase 1 which consists of a new engine and two water tenders. The Board had allocated \$800,000. The project's under budget, so there's a little bit of extra money for incidentals. As a member of the Apparatus Committee, I'm very pleased with the apparatus that have been decided upon. There's savings to build a command vehicle down the road. The representatives of the manufacturers are here if there are any questions to be asked of them.

Director Brown stated we've put these trucks together for our needs in the safest and most reliable way to do this and stay under budget and the figure includes taxes.

Director Guardino stated the engine is smaller than your typical Type I Fire Engine or what most people think of as a fire engine. We had questions – can it carry everything we need? It can and it will have 39% more storage space.

Director Dark asked are the comparisons the same as the competitive bids. He stated he didn't see a request for proposals. He saw comparisons. He didn't see quotes for the WFPD.

Chief Cookson asked for the engine or the water tenders?

Director Dark replied both.

Chief Cookson stated there were quotes for the water tenders.

Director Dark asked from other manufacturers?

Chief Cookson said yes, there was, from HME on the water tender. HME supplied us with a proposal and Midwest Fire Apparatus – they put their pricing on their website. I had a conversation with them and asked if it was a bait and switch kind of thing or is it what it is. They put their price and spec online and we then add in tax and shipping. So, that's where we got one of our comparisons but that didn't include - there was several things that those two specific units did not include that we have specked out, but they were still more than what we're paying with everything.

Director Dark stated it's still a comparison because we didn't get a written quote.



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Chief Cookson stated I have a written quote from HME. The other he said use this price, but, what it is - is what it is. It was still more than what we're paying now. As far as the engine, we took similar units. We couldn't find an exact duplicate of what we're getting. Nobody really makes it that I could find. So, we took a similar unit, one from Ferrera, and one from Burton's. Even though we're buying through Burton's, they sell Rosenbauer. He bids it the same way without paying \$3,000-5,000 just to get that proposal. We got the same price without paying for the actual – wasting our money basically.

Director Dark asked if Burton's participates in HGAC and their process.

The Burton's representative responded, yes.

Director Guardino stated it would have been a minimum of \$2,750 to run it through there and it would've been the same price. It would have been \$3,000 added on to it.

Director Monroy thanked everyone for the work that went into the process.

Director Brown stated I'd like to make a motion to go ahead with the apparatuses.

Director Guardino stated he would like to expand on the motion.

**M/S** Guardino/Fiorica To go ahead with the Purchase 1 to purchase the two water tenders and one fire engine up to \$800,000 allocated by the Board.

**Approved 4/1** (Dark)

2. Water Storage Tank – Chief Cookson

Recommendation: Chief Cookson recommended continuing to work on the project to obtain the proper water storage at Station 81.

Discussion: Chief Cookson stated he didn't receive the information to create a staff report in time, so he would like to table it for next month.

**No Action Taken**

### H. ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

1. None

### I. IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS FOR FURTHER MEETINGS

1. None

### J. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Closed Session Item

1. Public Employment – Fire Chief  
(Government Code Section 54957.6)

### K. ADJOURNMENT

Board adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Andrea Adams  
Clerk of the Board

Approved:

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Ron Fiorica  
Chairman