

ST. TAMMANY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #8
Minutes of Board of Commissioners Meeting
August 17, 2022

Call to Order: 5:30pm

Roll Call:

Michael Anderson, Chairman
Sandra Slifer, Vice-Chairwoman
Stephen Saussy
Brandon Brener
Jeff King

Also, Present:

Susan Ohlenforst, Board Secretary
Chief Brandon Stein
Captain Eric Givens
OP Barry Smith
FF Cameron Waguespack
OP Michael Taylor
OP Martin Krey
OP John Segura

Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited

Modification of Agenda: None.

Hearing of Public Concerns: Chief Stein read a letter addressing the Board of Commissioners, Secretary Ohlenforst, Captain Givens, OP Barry Smith, FF Cameron Waguespack, OP Michael Taylor, OP Martin Krey and OP John Segura

Secretary's Report:

Upon motion by Slifer, seconded by Saussy, the meeting minutes for July 20, 2022, were unanimously approved.

Financial Report including a P&L Budget Performance for the month of July 2022 and a Check Register Report for the General Fund Account up to July 31, 2022, was presented. Balance of General Fund as of July 31, 2022, was \$991,433.60 with \$664,013.60 being current year funds and \$327,430.00 being Capital Funds from previous years money. The balance in the Emergency Fund was \$240,083.02 less (3) certificate of deposit in the amount of \$60,000.00. The CD561278 in the amount of 20,016.28 maturity date of 2/25/2023,

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CD561619 in the amount of 20,005.75 maturity date of 4/24/2023 and CD561673 in the amount of 20,001.15 maturity date of 5/24/2023. Upon motion by Saussy, seconded by Slifer, the financial statements for July 2022 were unanimously approved.

Communications: Ohlenforst said LWCC conducted the annual audit, and it looks as if we were going to have an increase. Ohlenforst was disputing the increase and waiting on a reply.

Chief's Report:

Vehicles and equipment

- Temporary Generator was purchased from Federal Surplus. Minor Repairs were needed, some parts have arrived, waiting on others. It is useable as needed.
- Exploring the possibility of Upgrading our Diesel tank to 2000 gallons and using the 1000-gallon tank for gasoline. Will have prices for next meeting
- 2 tires were replaced on Captains unit.
- Firehouse subs grant re-opens on 10/6/22. Submittal will be made for a LUCAS device.

Facilities

- Surveying of Station-81 property began on 08/15/22
- Minor repairs at Station-82 to take place.

Personnel

- Current personnel numbers are as follows:
Paid- 12 Part-time- 12 Volunteer-4

Training

- Currently 2 personnel enrolled in Advanced Vehicle Rescue class in October
- Training submittal process has been changed.

Annual testing and inspections

- All continuing as scheduled

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Communications

- Surplus 6000-gallon fuel tank. Town of Abita to take possession. In agreement with the Town of Abita, during storm situations, FD8 will have access to Town bulk tanks in the event fuel gets low. Upon motion by Slifer, seconded by King, it was unanimously approved to surplus the 6000-fuel tank.

Old Business:

Station 81 New Construction Project Report and Discussion: Chief Stein reported the surveyors came out and started on survey.

Policy and Procedures Discussion: None up for discussion.

New Business:

2023 Budget presented for discussion: Ohlenforst presented the proposed 2023 budget. There was a discussion. Chief Stein stated in the budget he requested to raise the starting pay from \$8.45 to \$9.00 to be competitive with the surrounding districts. The board continued the discussion of the increase in the hourly starting rate. Chairman Anderson said he would like to review the numbers as well as Vice Chairwoman Slifer. The approval of budget would be tabled until the next meeting.

Adjournment:

Upon motion by Slifer to adjourn, seconded by King, the motion was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting.