

ST. TAMMANY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #8
Minutes of Board of Commissioners Meeting
May 18, 2022

Call to Order: 5:30pm

Roll Call:

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

Also, Present:

Susan Ohlenforst, Board Secretary
Chief Brandon Stein
OP Barry Smith
Jay Hawkins

Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited

Modification of Agenda: None.

Hearing of Public Concerns: Jay Hawkins former Chairman of the Board St. Tammany Fire District No 8 asked to go on record concerning the roll up of the millage. Hawkins stated that in the past he had opposed rolling up because the department was in good financial shape. Hawkins has been reviewing the financials since he resigned from the board. He stated that because of the need for a new station or a major renovation on the current central station he would be in favor of rolling up.

Secretary's Report:

Upon motion by Slifer, seconded by Saussy, the meeting minutes for April 27, 2022, were unanimously approved.

Financial Report including a P&L Budget Performance for the month of April 2022 and a Check Register Report for the General Fund Account up to April 30, 2022, was presented. Balance of General Fund as of April 30, 2022, was \$1,300,768.03 with \$961,356.98 being current year funds and \$339,411.05 being Capital Funds from previous years money. The balance in the Emergency Fund was \$280,050.84 including the certificate of deposit in the amount of \$20,000.00. Upon motion by Slifer, seconded by King, the financial statements for April 2022 were unanimously approved.

Communications: Ohlenforst went over general fund interest earnings over the last few months. She indicated that they were on the rise.

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Chief's Report:

Vehicles and equipment

Normal general repairs and upkeep on units.
Lighting and siren replaced on Captains unit
One portable pump is now operational after several years of sitting, one was brought to the shop for repair.
Fire prevention truck was re-stripped

Facilities

Update on Discovery of property ownership at Station-81, Seek approval from the Board to extend property lines as necessary at time of survey.
Planning for front garden area at station-81 is underway.
General cleanup, organization and cosmetic work taking place at stations.

Personnel

Current personnel numbers are as follows:
Paid- 12 Part-time- 13 Volunteer-6

New hires are still attending Rookie School.

Training

Normal training

Annual testing and inspections

All continuing as scheduled

Communications

Monitoring of the proposed St. Tammany Parish 2040 plan will be on-going due the impacts FD8 will experience.

Old Business:

Station 81 New Construction Project Report: Chief Stein received documents stating the fire district owned the property located at 22455 Hwy 36. Chairman Anderson is moving forward with getting survey of said property.

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Millage Discussion: Public Hearing and Special meeting for millage roll up is set for June 27th at 5:30pm. Ohlenforst informed the board of the advertisement for the roll up began on May 12th in the New Orleans advocate and will also publish on May 19th as well. It will also run in The Farmer on May 18th and May 25th.

Annual performance review: Fire Chief and Administrative Assistant: Chairman Anderson addressed Ohlenforst and Chief Stein on their performance reviews.

Policy and Procedures Discussion: None up for discussion

New Business:

Mid-Year Financial Status: Upon motion by Slifer ,seconded by Saussy this item of business was deferred till June 15, 2022, meeting, it was unanimously approved to defer.

PAF's:

Upon motion by Slifer, seconded by Saussy, it was unanimously approved to accept Daniel Fortunes' Resignation.

Upon motion by Slifer, seconded by King, it was unanimously approved to accept John Segura Permanent Confirmation

Upon motion by Slifer, seconded by King, it was unanimously approved to accept Cameron Waguespack's' Resignation.

Upon motion by Slifer, seconded by Saussy, it was unanimously approved to accept/hire Tyler Green as probational.

Upon motion by Slifer, seconded by Brenner, it was unanimously approved to accept/hire Sterling Monsour as probational.

Upon motion by Slifer, seconded by Brenner, it was unanimously approved to accept/hire Ethan Rudiger as probational.

Surplus Items:

Chief Stein requested to surplus the following items:

- 1 Garmin Street pilot 7200 GPS Serial number-43620729(inoperable)
- 2 Damega Intel siren/light control heads(inoperable)
- 1 Motorola Radius GM300 model# m43gmc29c2aa mobile radio serial number-159TWY1621 (inoperable)
- 1 HP LaserJet CP1525nw printer serial #CNBF302290 (inoperable)
- 1 MSA Altair gas detector ID# 80193 (inoperable)
- 1 Sensit CO Carbon Monoxide Analyzer Serial # 01138 (inoperable)
- 1 3" x 100' hose number 83-319 (damaged, failed test)

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6 4" x 100' hose numbers- 54-015, 54-006-4, 013-4-005, 29-98, 53008-4, 1-006
(damaged, failed test)

1Kohler 150 diesel Generator serial# 371102(surplus for scrap only, covered by
Insurance, damaged during storm)

Upon motion by Slifer, seconded by Saussy, it was unanimously approved to surplus the
above listed items.

Approve purchase of Fire Prevention Items with reimbursement form ASVFD: Chief
Stein requested a budget of \$6000.00 to purchase Fire Prevention educational materials
along with a tent representing the fire district. Chief Stein indicated the purchase of these
items would be fully reimbursed from funds from the disbanded VFD. Upon motion by
Saussy, seconded by Slifer, it was unanimously approved to authorize a budget of \$6,000.00
for Chief Stein to purchase these items.

Adjournment:

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