

ST. TAMMANY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #8
Minutes of Board of Commissioners Meeting
April 21, 2021

Call to Order: 5:36pm

Roll Call:

Sandra Slifer
Brandon Brener
Jeff King

Absent:

Michael Anderson
Stephen Saussy

Also, Present:

Chief Brandon Stein
Susan Ohlenforst, Board Secretary
Corey Price Part time Firefighter
Cameron Waguespack Firefighter
Wes Roan, Equitable/PF Investments
Michael Steffin, Equitable/PF Investments

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited

Modification of Agenda: None

Hearing of Public Concerns: None

Secretary's Report:

Upon motion by Brener, seconded by King, the meeting minutes for March 17, 2021 were unanimously approved.

Financial Report including a P&L Budget Performance for the month March 2021 and a Check Register Report for the General Fund Account up to March 31, 2021 were presented. Balance of General Fund as of March 31, 2021 was \$1,163,094.88 with \$931,496.57 being current year funds and \$231,598.31 being Capital Funds from previous years money. The balance in the LAMP Emergency Fund was \$263,575.01. Upon motion by Brener, seconded by King, the financial statements for March 2021 were unanimously approved.

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Communications: Wes Roan and Michael Steffin gave a presentation about the Equitable FICA Alternative Plan. The board will take information presented for review and discuss at the next meeting. Ohlenforst explained to the board that since Hawkins was no longer on the board he needed to be removed as a signer at Home Bank. Slifer residing over the meeting stated that Herself, Anderson and Saussy would continue as signers and Hawkins would be removed.

Chief's Report:

Vehicles and equipment

- Engine 81 pump panel control and batteries replaced
- Engine 84 pump panel control and multiple gauges replaced
- Minor general repairs and maintenance were performed on other units

Personnel

- No exposures and/or quarantine due to Covid.
- Current personnel numbers are as follows:
Paid- 13
Part-time- 12
Volunteer-10

Annual testing and inspections

- Pre-planning continuing as scheduled.
- Hose testing is underway
- Hydrant testing has been coordinated with the Town of Abita Springs

Training

- On-line training is still currently being performed.
- Tower drills are continuing
- 4 personnel passed for Inspector II
- 5 personnel to attend Investigator 1 in Hammond on May 18-20

Station improvements

- No further communications from Charlie Rick.

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- Gasoline tank was upgraded from 260 gallons to 600 gallons at no cost to the department. We will use ethanol fuel in the tank starting immediately to reduce the cost of fuel. That tank mainly serves 3 units so the need for non-ethanol fuel is very low. Non-ethanol fuel is significantly higher per gallon. We will get non- ethanol fuel from the Abita Full Serve. A 30-gallon fuel caddy has been ordered for the storage on non-ethanol fuel. This will save the department 30-40 cents per gallon. The non-ethanol fuel will be tracked in the same manner as the other fuel.

Old Business:

Website Upgrade update: No update to report other than it is still being worked on.

Station 81 Improvements: Chief Stein mentioned in his Chiefs report.

New Business:

Benefitsone Discussion: After the boards discussion of changing brokers to handle the insurance benefits of the department, it was decided that the department would stay with the current insurance benefit provider.

Millage Discussion: After discussion it was stated by Slifer that we would not be rolling up therefore we would stay with the current millage rates for 2021.

Fire Chief and Admin Employee Review: Slifer indicated this would need to be tabled until Anderson and Saussy were present. Upon motion by Brener, seconded by King it was unanimously approved to table this item until the May meeting.

Adjournment:

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