

***ST. TAMMANY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #8***  
***Minutes of Board of Commissioners Meeting***  
***January 20, 2021***

**Call to Order:** 5:36pm

**Roll Call:**

Michael Anderson  
Sandra Slifer  
Stephen Saussy

**Absent:** NONE

**Also, Present:**

Chief Brandon Stein  
Susan Ohlenforst, Board Secretary  
Jay Hawkins, Former Chairman FD#8

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Recited

**Modification of Agenda:** None

**Hearing of Public Concerns:** None

**Secretary's Report:**

Upon motion by Slifer, seconded by Saussy, the meeting minutes for December 16, 2020 were unanimously approved. Upon motion by Slifer, seconded by Saussy, the special meeting minutes for December 21, 2020 were unanimously approved.

Financial Report including a P&L Budget Performance for the month December 2020 and a Check Register Report for the General Fund Account up to December 31, 2020 were presented. Balance of General Fund as of December 31, 2020 was \$268,111.31 with \$142,448.23 being current year funds and \$125,663.08 being Capital Funds from previous years money. The balance in the LAMP Emergency Fund was \$263,534.77. Upon motion by Slifer, seconded by Anderson, the financial statements for December 2020 were unanimously approved.

**Communications:** NONE

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**Chief's Report:**

Vehicles and equipment

All units in working order.

Personnel

One part time FF out due to COVID-19.  
Current personnel numbers are as follows:  
Paid- 12.  
Part-time- 14  
Volunteer-9

Annual testing and inspections

Will be Continuing.

Training

On-line training is still currently being performed.  
Monthly tower drills as well as multi-company drills have been scheduled at FD4 for 2021.  
5 personnel tested for Inspector, 4 passed. Next step is to have them registered through the State Fire Marshalls Office.

Station improvements

No update on the plans for station-81.

Communications

Dispatch was transferred to FD1 on 12/31/20. No major issues were experienced, and we are seeing a more efficient and beneficial service.  
Exploring the options and benefits associated with placing Part-Time employees on a Deferred Comp program.

**Old Business:**

**Tower Alliance Lease Discussion: Resolution #2020-002 for Acceptance of Tower Alliance Lease Modification Agreement:** Read Resolution, Discussion and Roll Call vote.

The following resolution was read:

Whereas a quorum of the Board of Commissioner of St. Tammany Fire Protection District No 8("the district") was present on this date for a properly advertised, meeting:  
Fire Chief Brandon Stein has received the Tower Alliance Second Amendment to the Lease Agreement and has so presented to the Board of Commissioners for review. After careful review, Fire Chief Brandon Stein is asking the governing authority to accept this modified lease agreement with Tower Alliance which would become retro effective on December 31, 2020.

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A motion was made by Slifer and seconded by Saussy,  
That the Board in accordance with and pursuant to the Statues do hereby authorize Fire  
Chief Brandon Stein to enter into agreement with Tower Alliance and accept the Second  
Amendment to the Lease Agreement

The foregoing resolution was read in full; the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the  
resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: Slifer, Saussy, Anderson

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAINED: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

**CERTIFICATE**

I hereby certify that I am the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners of St. Tammany Fire  
Protection District No. 8 and the above resolution was properly adopted by the Board of  
Commissioners, which is the Districts' governing authority, at the Special board meeting  
called and held in accordance with the law at the District's meeting held on this 20th day of  
January 2021. Thus, signed and executed this 20<sup>st</sup> day of January 2021.

Susan Ohlenforst  
Secretary to the Board of Commissioners  
St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 8

**New Business:**

**Adoption of Nuisance and Burn Ordinance Resolution #2021-001:** Upon motion by Slifer,  
seconded by Saussy, it was unanimously approved to postpone until the next meeting.

**Property Insurance Renewal Quote & Vote:** Anderson opened the floor for discussion of  
the property renewal quote from VFIS. After a brief discussion from the board, it was moved  
to the floor for a vote to accept the renewal as written from VFIS. Upon motion from Slifer,  
seconded by Saussy, it was unanimously approved.

**Town Appointee:** Hawkins reported that Brandon Brenner has submitted his application to  
Mayor Curtis. The town is hoping to approve his appointment at the next town council  
meeting.

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**Parish Appointee:** Anderson reported that the parish appointee is Jeff King. The parish president will be sending the appointee application to Mr. King.

**Adjournment:**

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