

ST. TAMMANY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #8
Minutes of Board of Commissioners Meeting
December 16, 2020

Call to Order: 5:36pm

Roll Call:

Jay Hawkins
Michael Anderson
Sandra Slifer
Darryl Battaglia
Stephen Saussy

Absent: NONE

Also, Present:

Chief Brandon Stein
Susan Ohlenforst, Board Secretary

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited

Modification of Agenda: None

Hearing of Public Concerns: None

Secretary's Report:

Upon motion by Slifer, seconded by Anderson, the meeting minutes for November 18, 2020 were unanimously approved.

Financial Report including a P&L Budget Performance for the month November 2020 and a Check Register Report for the General Fund Account up to November 30, 2020 were presented. Balance of General Fund as of November 30, 2020 was \$315,585.91 with \$187,812.91 being current year funds and \$127,773.00 being Capital Funds from previous years money. The balance in the LAMP Emergency Fund was \$263,513.80. Upon motion by Slifer, seconded by Anderson, the financial statements for October 2020 were unanimously approved.

Communications: Ohlenforst informed the Board of Commissioners of the rate increase from FFRS. The rate will increase to 33.75% beginning 7/1/2021.

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Chief's Report:

Vehicles and equipment

- All units in working order.
- Station-82 generator has been installed and connected. It is operational.

Personnel

- One exposure and/or quarantine due to COVID-19.
- Current personnel numbers are as follows:
Paid- 12
Part-time- 13
Volunteer-9

Annual testing and inspections

- Pre-planning on schedule.

Training

- On-line training is still currently being performed.
- Inspector class was completed with 6 participants from FD8. Awaiting skills testing and certification testing.

Station improvements

- No update on the plans for station-81. Attempted to call Josh O'quinn twice

Communications

- Update on Unifire situation. All Fire Districts will be moving to FD1 dispatch with a target date of January 1, 2021. Attached is proposed cost for FD1. A resolution will be needed to accept the intergovernmental agreement with STFD 1. A special meeting was called by the Chairman to adopt the resolution. The meeting will be December 21st @ 10 am.
- Meeting with all involved with lake Charles storm response to finalize reimbursements on 11/19/20. I will notify everyone by e-mail on final numbers.

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Old Business:

Policy and Procedures:

This was tabled until next meeting.

Adoption of Nuisance and Burn Ordinance Resolution:

This was tabled until the next meeting.

Tower Alliance Lease Discussion:

The modified lease agreement was received and reviewed. Hawkins indicated that the terms were reasonable, and the district should move forward on accepting the terms. Hawkins called for a special meeting on December 21st @ 10am to present a resolution on adoption of the modified agreement.

Town Appointee Expiration 12/31/2020: Battaglia turned in his resignation to the board.

Hawkins expressed his appreciation for Battaglia's' service to the District. Hawkins also stated that there was a need to find a replacement for Battaglia.

New Business:

End of year Financial Status: Hawkins stated that the district was in good financial status and that we were on track with our current budget. He is confident the district is moving in a good direction financially for the future.

2021 Chairman Election: Hawkins opened the floor for nominations. Slifer nominated Hawkins, Battaglia nominated Anderson. Hawkins respectfully declined the nomination for chairman but stated he would stay on as a commissioner until a replacement could be found. Hawkins asked if there were no further nominations, he called for the floor to close the nominations and to proceed with a vote. The nominations were closed and due to Hawkins not accepting the nomination, Anderson was appointed to chairman of the board for the 2021 year.

Adjournment:

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