

NORTH COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
WEEKLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
March 12, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM. Board members present (with social distancing, and conference call in place) were Director Mr. Tiberghien; Director Mrs. Austin; Director Mr. Anthony; Chief Keith Goldstein; Battalion Chief Mark Kuehl; Medical Officer (not present); Shop Stewart Kurt Lubiewski. Director Mr. Tiberghien called for all in attendance to stand, and remove their hats, and silence their cell phones for the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Chief Goldstein presented the minutes from March 5, 2024, Open Session. Director Mr. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Director Mrs. Austin to approve the minutes of the Open Session from March 5, 2024, as presented. Ayes: Director Mr. Tiberghien, Director Mr. Anthony, Director Mrs. Austin.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Chief Goldstein presented the Agenda for March 12, 2024, Open Session. Director Mr. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Director Mrs. Austin, to approve the agenda for March 12, 2024, as presented. Ayes: Director Mr. Tiberghien, Director Mr. Anthony, Director Mrs. Austin.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF THE WARRANTS: Chief Goldstein presented the Warrants for March 12, 2024. General Revenue: \$27,464.23; Bond (Capital Projects 2020): \$00; Dispatch (Communications) \$ 00; Health and Welfare: \$1,538.34; Pension: \$00; Debt Service (Bond Retirement): \$; EMS: \$00; **for a total of \$29,002.57**, Director Mr. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Director Mrs. Austin to approve the Warrants for March 12, 2024, as presented. Ayes: Director Mr. Tiberghien, Director Mr. Anthony, Director Mrs. Austin.

CORRESPONDENCE: Chief Goldstein had nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Chief Goldstein reported on the new building projects. Chief Goldstein reported that we passed our inspection at both locations from St. Louis County Department of Transportation. Once we get documentation from St. Louis County stating that the permit is closed, I will apply for reimbursement of the Escrow Monies in the sum of \$ 41,440.95. Chief Goldstein reminded everyone that our two (2) Open Houses will be March 16, 2024, starting at 10:00 am.

NEW BUSINESS: Chief Goldstein had nothing to report.

Ordinances: None.

Resolutions: None.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Goldstein reported that District Counsel Charles "Chuck" Billings is working on all the documentation for the district regarding the property at 7215 West Florissant Ave that is to be turned over to the City of Jennings. Chief Goldstein reported that we have five (5) Tuesdays in April 2024. The Board of Directors has decided that they will not meet on April 2, 2024.

BATTALION CHIEF'S REPORT: Battalion Chief Mark Kuehl reported that all crews have been pitching in during the transition into the new buildings. They are also helping on cleaning the old buildings.

MEDICAL OFFICERS REPORT: No Report (not present).

SHOP REPORT: Shop Steward Kurt Lubiewski reported that the shop is getting ready for the April 2, 2024, election for Prop I.

LAWYERS REPORT: Not Present.

ACCOUNTANT REPORT: No Report

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT: Director Mrs. Austin wished everyone a “Good Evening” Director Mrs. Austin thanked the Board and Chief for their kind words regarding the passing of her Godmother. Director Mrs. Austin is excited that our new stations are ready for Open House on Saturday March 16, 2024. Director Mrs. Austin asked everyone to pray for the families during these troubling times with our younger group of kids. Director Mr. Anthony. Director Mr. Anthony asked that everyone “Slow Down and Arrive Alive”. Director Mr. Anthony asked that we “STOP THE VIOLENCE” because this is out of control. Gang violence is also on the rise, and that life is precious. Director Mr. Anthony asked that everyone please take care of our young and elderly, as the warm weather starts to approach us. Director Mr. Anthony asked that “We Slow Down, Be Kind, God Bless, and “God Bless America”. Director Mr. Tiberghien echoes both directors statement related to the violence going on with our younger kids. There is a Go Fund Me Page related to the teenager from Hazelwood East High School “Please help this family out”. Director Mr. Tiberghien stated that the date has been set for the Public Viewing of what they have been waiting for “TWO NEW STATES OF THE ART FIRE STATIONS” March 16, 2024, invitations have been sent out tell you family and friends to come and join us. Director Mr. Tiberghien reminded everyone that if they have questions regarding the board meeting to please email the Chief or Director Mr. Tiberghien (kgoldstein@nocofr.com or rtiberghien@nocofr.com). Also, you can call in at every board meeting, and listen in.

CITIZENS COMMENT: Chief Goldstein reported that he did not receive any emails, and that we have two (2) citizens in attendance for the meeting.

Alderman James Thomas (BFN):

- I am looking forward to the March 16, 2024, Open House. The citizens should be proud of what the Fire District is doing.
- I “Fully Support and Stand with the Fire District”.

Alderwomen Alease Dailes (BFN):

- I am happy to attend tonight’s meeting and am so happy about the two (2) new Fire Stations, along with the Open House on March 16, 2024.
- I ask that everyone pray for our Firefighters that they stay “SAFE” we want everyone to go home after their shifts.
- I also “Fully Support and Stand with the Fire District”.

With no further discussion at 5:18 PM Director Mr. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Director Mrs. Austin, to adjourn. Ayes: Director Mr. Tiberghien, Director Mr. Anthony, Director Mrs. Austin. Next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held in person or by conference call on Tuesday March 19, 2024, at 5:00 PM.



Director Richie Tiberghien



Director Kevin Anthony



Director Yolanda Austin