

NORTH COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
WEEKLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
December 12, 2023

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 Captain Jennifer Swatek; Shop Stewart Kurt Lubiewski; District Counsel's Dan Bruntrager, Stan Schorder. 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 December 5, 2023, Open Session. Director Mr. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Director Mrs. Austin to approve the minutes of the Open Session from December 5, 2023, as presented. Ayes: Director Mr. Tiberghien, Director Mr. Anthony, Director Mrs. Austin.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Chief Goldstein presented the Agenda for December 12, 2023, Open Session, Director Mr. Tiberghien made a motion to amend the agenda allowing for District Counsel Stan Schroder to present three (3) Resolutions, seconded by Director Mr. Anthony, to approve the December 12, 2023, Open Session agenda with the amendment as presented. Ayes: Director Mr. Tiberghien, Director Mr. Anthony, Director Mrs. Austin.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF THE WARRANTS: Chief Goldstein presented the Warrants/Firefighters Regular Payroll for December 12, 2023. General Revenue: \$2,605.46; Bond (Capital Projects 2020): \$1,266,220.90; Dispatch (Communications) \$.00; Health and Welfare: \$238.00; Pension: \$00; Debt Service (Bond Retirement): \$00; EMS: \$356.38.; **for a total of \$1,269,420.74**, Director Mr. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Director Mrs. Austin to approve the Warrants/Firefighters Regular Payroll for December 12, 2023, as presented. Ayes: Director Mr. Tiberghien, Director Mr. Anthony, Director Mrs. Austin.

CORRESPONDENCE: Chief Goldstein reported that the Fire District received a refund check from the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors related to permit fees for the new Fire Station located at 805 Chambers Road.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Chief Goldstein reported on the new building projects.

NEW BUSINESS: Chief Goldstein had nothing to report
Ordinances: None.

Resolutions: District Counsel Stan Schroder presented three (3) Resolution to the Board of Directors. They are as follows: R-2023-08 related to Pension Plan Amendment, R-2023-09 related to Amendment to the Post Retirement Health Reimbursement Plan, and R-2023-10 related to Administrative Non-Elected Contribution to the Pension Plan. District Counsel explained each resolution in full. With Having no questions, Director Mr. Anthony made a motion to approve all three (3) Resolutions as presented. Ayes: Director Mr. Tiberghien, Director Mr. Anthony, Director Mrs. Austin.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Goldstein reported that the district made an interest this year related to the Capital Projects Fund Investments only \$ 366,239.45. Chief Goldstein reported that a dinner will be held for Captain Eugene (Gene) Nelke with his crew on December 13, 2023, at 5:00 Pm Station #1. This will be Gene's last supper with his crew before he retires at the end of December 2023. Chief Goldstein reported that he received two (2) quotes for snow removal and would like to go with AV Land Services LLC. The reason is because they will give priority to Emergency Services first during the snow fall. Director Mr. Tiberghien asked if AV Services would put that in writing on their quote. Chief Goldstein will contact them with this request.

BATTALION CHIEF'S REPORT: No Report.

MEDICAL OFFICERS REPORT: Medical Officer Captain Jennifer Swatek gave a full report on CHNE ambulance response time, out of service ambulance times, and no ambulances available times. Captain Swatek also gave a full report on the third-party study that was performed for the district (at no charge) by the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) Headquarters located in Washington D.C. This study took over a year to put together and compile all the data. This is the further of this Fire District. Chief Goldstein explained that he is fully in support of moving the district to another level. Chief Goldstein will send to the directors and district counsel an electronic version of the study.

SHOP REPORT: Shop Steward Kurt Lubiewski had nothing to report.

LAWYERS REPORT: No Report.

ACCOUNTANT REPORT: No Report.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT: Director Mrs. Austin wished everyone a "Good Evening" Director Mrs. Austin asked if we are seeing a spike in Covid responses lately, and if there is data showing the most affected areas in our district. Chief Goldstein stated that he will have our Medical Officer look into this when she returns from vacation. Director Mr. Anthony asked that everyone be safe and us universal precautions related to Covid concerns," mask up if you feel that is what you need to do". Director Mr. Anthony asked that during these holidays that we have a peaceful time with our families and friends. Director Mr. Anthony wished his Stepfather a "Happy Birthday". Director Mr. Anthony thanked our firefighters for what they do to keep us safe. Director Mr. Anthony asked that everyone please take care of our young and elderly, make sure they have coats on, and they are keeping warm, and work on our negative behavior please" Slow Down, Be Kind, God Bless", and "God Bless America". Director Mr. Tiberghien stated that his wife works for BJC, and they are starting a mask mandate on December 13, 2023, for their employees. Director Mr. Tiberghien reminded everyone that if they have questions regarding the board meeting to please email the Chief or Director Mr. Tiberghien (kgoldstein@noco.fr.com or tiberghien@noco.fr.com). Also, you can call in at every board meeting, and listen in.

CITIZENS COMMENT: Chief Goldstein reported that he did receive one (1) email, and that there were there two (2) citizens present at the open meeting. Ms. Wanda Lane sent in the following information.

- Please encourage citizens to be safe with space heaters and consider budget billing.
- All male summit at RGSD high school on December 13, 2023, at 0900 hrs. to talk with our young men about issues to help them reduce fighting.
- December 12, 2023, RGSD Board meeting is on YouTube.

- Happy Birthday Ms. Wanda on December 2, 2023.
- Ms. Wanda sked if the Third-Party Study could be put on the website. District Counsel Dan Bruntrager would like to review it first.

With no further discussion at 6:06 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 December 22, 2023, at 5:00 PM.



Director Richie Tiberghien



Director Kevin Anthony



Director Yolanda Austin