

NORTH COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
WEEKLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
November 7, 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 Jennifer Swatek (not present); Shop Stewart Kurt Lubjewski. 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 October 24, 2023, Open Session. Director Mr. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Director Mrs. Austin to approve the minutes of the Open Session from October 24, 2023, as presented. Ayes: Director Mr. Tiberghien, Director Mr. Anthony, Director Mrs. Austin.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Chief Goldstein presented the Agenda for November 7, 2023, Open/Closed Session, Director Mr. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Director Mrs. Austin, to approve the November 7, 2023, Open/Closed Session agenda as presented. Ayes: Director Mr. Tiberghien, Director Mr. Anthony, Director Mrs. Austin.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF THE WARRANTS: Chief Goldstein presented the Warrants/Firefighters Overtime Payroll for November 7, 2023. General Revenue: \$27,041.35; Bond (Capital Projects 2020): \$22,268.12; Dispatch (Communications) \$.00; Health and Welfare: \$10,388.24; Pension: \$00; Debt Service (Bond Retirement): \$00; EMS: \$1,301.69.; **for a total of \$60,999.40**, Director Mr. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Director Mrs. Austin to approve the Warrants/Firefighters Overtime Payroll for November 7, 2023, 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 updates on the new building projects.

NEW BUSINESS: Chief Goldstein had nothing to report.

Ordinances: None.

Resolutions: None

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Goldstein reported that our Health Insurance Broker Kevin Cunneen will be at the November 14, 2023, meeting to discuss the 2024 renewal. Chief Goldstein reported on the damage to Maryland Heights fire truck that we were borrowing related to the radiator, fan, belts etc.

BATTALION CHIEF'S REPORT: Battalion Chief Mark Kuehl thanked his crew for assisting and saving the district a lot of money related to moving the SCBA compressor, and fill station to the new property located at 805 Chambers Road. This is a proven fact about Labor/Management working together.

MEDICAL OFFICERS REPORT: No Report.

SHOP REPORT: Shop Steward Kurt Lubiewski asked about contract negotiations, and if the board has any questions, please contact Firefighter Mike Kiefer. Director Mr. Tiberghien stated that the board is working with the Chief, District Counsel, and District Accountant related to the CBA.

LAWYERS REPORT: No Report.

ACCOUNTANT REPORT: No Report.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT: Director Mrs. Austin wished everyone a “Good Evening” Director Mrs. Austin wished everyone a Happy Veterans Day and thanked everyone for their service. Director Mrs. Austin asked when the final inspection will be on the new ladder truck. Chief Goldstein replied that it is set for the last week of January 2024, but it could be changed if necessary. Director Mrs. Austin spoke about meeting a citizen who has concerns about the location and the noise that will be coming from the new property located at 805 Chambers Road. Chief Goldstein explained that he also spoke with this citizen and explained that the location of the building is correct and that we will be cognizant of the noise, but we are an emergency vehicle that is governed by State Laws regarding lights and sirens. Director Mr. Anthony wished Director Mr. Tiberghien a Happy Birthday. Director Mr. Anthony thanked all our First Responders for what a great job they do keeping us safe. Director Mr. Anthony asked that everyone practice being safe during the beginning of daylight savings. Director Mr. Anthony asked that everyone please take care of our young and elderly and work on our negative behavior please” Slow Down, Be Kind, God Bless”, and “God Bless America”. 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 received an email from Ms. Wanda Lane. Ms. Lane thanked the Fire District for handing out candy during the drive through event at BFN on October 31, 2023. Ms. Lane stated that we are all aware of the noise located at Bellefontaine Road and Chambers, and that we know times have changed for First Responders. Ms. Lane stated that people are still getting Covid. Please let’s be safe and aware of our own individual health requirements. Chief Goldstein reported that no citizens were present at this meeting.

With no further discussion at 5:26 PM Director Mr. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Director Mrs. Austin, to adjourn to a Closed Session citing RSMO: 610.021 (2), (3). 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 November 14, 2023, at 5:00 PM.


Director Richie Tiberghien


Director Kevin Anthony


Director Yolanda Austin