

NORTH COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
WEEKLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
March 26, 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 (not present); Medical Officer (not present); Shop Stewart Kurt Lubiewski; District Counsel Dan Bruntrager (by phone). 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 19, 2024, Open Session. Director Mr. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Director Mrs. Austin, to approve the minutes of the Open Session from March 19, 2024, as presented. Ayes: Director Mr. Tiberghien, Director Mr. Anthony, Director Mrs. Austin.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Chief Goldstein presented the Agenda for March 26, 2024, Open Session. Director Mr. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Director Mrs. Austin, to approve the agenda for March 26, 2024, as presented. Ayes: Director Mr. Tiberghien, Director Mr. Anthony, Director Mrs. Austin.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF THE WARRANTS: Chief Goldstein presented the Warrants/Board of Directors Payroll for March 26, 2024. General Revenue: \$17,250.72; Bond (Capital Projects 2020): \$00; Dispatch (Communications) \$ 00; Health and Welfare: \$00; Retirement Veba \$ 00; Pension: \$00; Debt Service (Bond Retirement): \$; EMS: \$00; **for a total of \$17,250.72**, Director Mr. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Director Mrs. Austin to approve the Warrants/Board of Directors Payroll for March 26, 2024, as presented. Ayes: Director Mr. Tiberghien, Director Mr. Anthony, Director Mrs. Austin.

CORRESPONDENCE: Chief Goldstein had nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Chief Goldstein reminded everyone that there are five (5) Tuesdays in April 2024, and we will not meet on April 2, 2024. Chief Goldstein reported that we will be moving out of 9933 Diamond Drive on March 27, 2024, and will be relocating our Administration Offices to 9207 Bellefontaine Road.

NEW BUSINESS: Chief Goldstein had nothing to report.

Ordinances: None.

Resolutions: None.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Goldstein reported that FGM will have a professional photographer out to take pictures of our two (2) new stations to use for their presentation for future clients. Chief Goldstein reminded everyone that Tuesday April 2, 2024, is Election Day. The Fire District has Prop I which is a No Tax Rate Increase on the ballot. Chief Goldstein reported on a call on Saturday on Lookaway Dr. Chief Goldstein asked about selling the zero-turn lawn mower and starting sealed bids at \$1,000.00 Director Mr. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Director Mrs. Austin to approve the sale of the zero- turn mower. Ayes: Director Mr. Tiberghien, Director Mr. Anthony, Director Mrs. Austin. Chief Goldstein announced that our new ladder truck

has arrived at Banner Fire in South Roxana Illinois. The truck committee members went there to inspect the truck , and started working on shelving , along with compartment layout.

BATTALION CHIEF'S REPORT: No Report (not present)

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. Shop Steward Kurt Lubiewski thanked the Chief for always offering Counseling after a bad call.

LAWYERS REPORT: District Counsel Dan Bruntrager was by phone as he was traveling back from the Capitol in Jefferson City meeting with Law Makers related to Fire Protection Districts.

ACCOUNTANT REPORT: No Report.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT: Director Mrs. Austin wished everyone a “Good Evening” Director Mrs. Austin stated that she is happy to hear that our new ladder truck is close to home. Director Mrs. Austin asked if people can still do a walk-through of the new fire stations. Chief Goldstein replied “YES”. Director Mr. Anthony asked that God Bless all our First Responders. Director Mr. Anthony reminded everyone that the Fire District has Prop I on the April 2, 2024, ballot, “Please get out to Vote” it’s your right as a United State Citizen, and social media is not a political platform. Director Mr. Anthony wished his wife a “Happy Anniversary. 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 received one email, and that we have two (2) citizens in attendance for the meeting. Ms. Wanda Lane (by phone), James Thomas, and Roy Ross (in person).

James Thomas:

- Good Evening, and God Bless our First Responders.
- I fully “Support Prop I”.
- I agree with Director Mr. Anthony when he stated, “It’s your right as a United State Citizen, Please get out and vote”.
- Quit hiding behind Social Media with your political platform. Ask the candidates where they stand on issues.

Ms. Wanda Lane:

- Please get out to Vote on April 2, 2024.
- Will the mower that is going up for sale be on your website. Chief Goldstein replied “Yes”.

- I would like to learn more information on the Women in Firefighting initiatives.

With no further discussion at 5:17 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 April 9, 2024, at 5:00 PM.



Director Richie Tiberghien



Director Kevin Anthony



Director Yolanda Austin