

NORTH COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
WEEKLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
January 16, 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 Wesley (Wes) Morgan; Medical Officer Captain Jennifer Swatek (not present); Shop Stewart Kurt Lubiewski; District Accountant Rick Rogan. 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 January 9, 2024, Open Session. Director Mr. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Director Mrs. Austin to approve the minutes of the Open Session from January 9, 2024, as presented. Ayes: Director Mr. Tiberghien, Director Mr. Anthony, Director Mrs. Austin.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Chief Goldstein presented the Agenda for January 16, 2024, Open Session, Director Mr. Anthony made a motion to amend the agenda for the December 2023 Monthly Financial Report, seconded by Director Mrs. Austin approve the agenda for January 16, 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 January 16, 2024. General Revenue: \$29,774.07; Bond (Capital Projects 2020): \$6,310.00; Dispatch (Communications) \$.00; Health and Welfare: \$73,958.60; Pension: \$00; Debt Service (Bond Retirement): \$00; EMS: \$525.25.; **for a total of \$110,200.24**, Director Mr. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Director Mrs. Austin to approve the Warrants for January 16, 2024, as presented. Ayes: Director Mr. Tiberghien, Director Mr. Anthony, Director Mrs. Austin.

CORRESPONDENCE: Chief Goldstein had no report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Chief Goldstein reported on the new building projects. Chief Goldstein presented the quote that was presented at the January 9, 2024, Board of Directors meeting by OneDigital for the district Property/Casualty Insurance Renewal for 2024. Chief Goldstein explained that we looked at increasing our deductible to see if it would save any money for the district. Chief Goldstein stated that the savings were minimal and suggested that we stay with our existing deductibles for one (1) year. Director Mr. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Director Mrs. Austin, to approve One Digital's quote for Property/Casualty Insurance for 2024, with no changes to our deductibles. Ayes: Director Mr. Tiberghien, Director Mr. Anthony, Director Mrs. Austin.

NEW BUSINESS: Chief Goldstein had nothing to report.

Ordinances: None.

Resolutions: None.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Goldstein reported that he will be attending a meeting at Bellefontaine Neighbors (BFN) on Wednesday January 17, 2024, related to St. Louis County's new road construction project on Chain

of Rocks Road, and Jennings Station Road. Chief Goldstein reported that all the districts documentation has been turned into the Board of Elections (BOE) for the April 2, 2024, No Tax Rate Bond Issue related to Prop I.

BATTALION CHIEF'S REPORT: No Report.

MEDICAL OFFICERS REPORT: No Report.

SHOP REPORT: Shop Steward Kurt Lubiewski had no report.

LAWYERS REPORT: No Report.

ACCOUNTANT REPORT: District Accountant Rick Rognan presented the December 2023 Monthly Financial Statement. After a full report, and a few questions from Ms. Wanda Lane. With no other questions to be asked. Director Mr. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Director Mrs. Austin to approve the December 2023, Monthly Financial Report as presented. Ayes: Director Mr. Tiberghien, Director Mr. Anthony, Director Mrs. Austin.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT: Director Mrs. Austin wished everyone a "Good Evening" Director Mrs. Austin spoke about how she appreciates our Firefighters for what they do keep citizens safe during this cold weather. Director Mrs. Austin asked about ribbon cuttings dates for the new fire stations. Chief Goldstein stated that it will be when the weather warms up. Director Mr. Anthony asked that everyone be careful during the winter weather that is coming our way. "Please Slow Down" Director Mr. Anthony asked that everyone slow down during the inclement weather conditions we are having. 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 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 rtiberghien@noco.fr.com). Also, you can call in at every board meeting, and listen in.

CITIZENS COMMENT: Chief Goldstein reported that we have one (1) Citizen who texted him. Ms. Wanda Lane asked the following questions to District Accountant Rick Rognan:

- Explain the increase in employee insurance, how does that relate to the increase taxpayers approved for retirement. (Answer: this was a pension increase).
- Happy New Year to everyone.

With no further discussion at 5:34 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 January 23, 2024, at 5:00 PM.


Director Richie Tiberghien


Director Kevin Anthony


Director Yolanda Austin