

NORTH COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
WEEKLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
January 23, 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 Captain Jennifer Swatek (not present); Shop Stewart Kurt Lubiewski; District Counsel Dan Bruntrager. 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 16, 2024, Open Session. Director Mr. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Director Mrs. Austin to approve the minutes of the Open Session from January 16, 2024, as presented. Ayes: Director Mr. Tiberghien, Director Mr. Anthony, Director Mrs. Austin.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Chief Goldstein presented the Agenda for January 23, 2024, Open Session, Director Mr. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Director Mrs. Austin approve the agenda for January 23, 2024, 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/ Retiree 2nd year Buyout Check Payroll for January 23, 2024. General Revenue: \$10,819.02; Bond (Capital Projects 2020): \$18656.59; Dispatch (Communications) \$ 48,256.46; Health and Welfare: \$4,139.74; Pension: \$8730.00; Debt Service (Bond Retirement): \$00; EMS: \$00. Also, a reimbursement payment for Medicare Part B for two-month premium for Captain Nelke: \$ 494.70; **for a total of \$91,096.51**, Director Mr. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Director Mrs. Austin to approve the Warrants for January 23, 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 reported that a potential move in date for 805 Chambers Road could be January 29, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS: Chief Goldstein had nothing to report.

Ordinances: None.

Resolutions: None.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Goldstein reported on the icy weather condition that we had on Monday January 22, 2024, and how the crews handled this issue while continuing to provide excellent service to our Citizens. Chief Goldstein explained that he would like to move the district to the next level regarding the inspection division. Chief Goldstein would like to move from the 2018 building/fire codes to the 2021 building/fire codes. Chief Goldstein explained the process on how this process must happen. Chief Goldstein will present a Resolution at the January 30, 2024, Board Meeting. All three (3) Board of Directors where in favor of this request.

BATTALION CHIEF'S REPORT: No Report.

MEDICAL OFFICERS REPORT: No Report.

SHOP REPORT: Shop Steward Kurt Lubiewski announced that he will continue as Shop Steward for the next two (2) years. Kurt explained the process on how Local 2665 has it in their Constitution and By Laws. Kurt was congratulated by the Board of Directors.

LAWYERS REPORT: No Report.

ACCOUNTANT REPORT: No Report

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 winter weather. Director Mrs. Austin also is praying for the crews in Rock Community Fire Protection District who had an issue with the icy roads by spinning out while responding to a call. Director Mrs. Austin reminded everyone that we install smoke detectors, and locks for life. Director Mr. Anthony asked that everyone be careful during the winter weather that has arrived in the area. Director Mr. Anthony asked that everyone slow down during the inclement weather conditions we are having “Slow Down and Arrive Alive”. 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@nocofr.com or rtiberghien@nocofr.com). Also, you can call in at every board meeting, and listen in.


CITIZENS COMMENT: Chief Goldstein reported that we have one (1) Citizen in the building. BFN Alderman James Thomas (Ward 3).

- Announced that he is running for Re-Election in Ward 3 BFN. James has been an Alderman for 4.5 years. He has given full support to the Fire District. Director Mr. Tiberghien explained that as a Board we don't support candidates, but as citizens we are allowed to do so. The entire Board thanked Alderman Thomas for his support to the Fire District and wished him luck in his re- election.

With no further discussion at 5:20 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 February 6, 2024, at 5:00 PM.


Director Richie Tiberghien


Director Kevin Anthony


Director Yolanda Austin