

NORTH COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
WEEKLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
September 19, 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 Lubiewski; District Accountant Rick Rognan. 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 September 12, 2023, Open Session. Director Mr. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Director Mrs. Austin to approve the minutes of the Open Session from September 12, 2023, as presented. Ayes: Director Mr. Tiberghien, Director Mr. Anthony, Director Mrs. Austin.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Chief Goldstein presented the Agenda for September 19, 2023, Open Session, Director Mr. Anthony made a motion to amend the agenda for the Public Hearing for setting the 2023 Tax Rate, and the August 2023 Financial Statements, seconded by Director Mrs. Austin, to approve the September 19, 2023, Open Session agenda along with the amendment. 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 September 19, 2023. General Revenue: \$23,733.26; Bond (Capital Projects 2020): \$692,226.28; Dispatch (Communications) \$.00; Health and Welfare: \$76,450.17; Pension: \$00; Debt Service (Bond Retirement): \$00; EMS: \$5,063.74.; **for a total of \$797,473.45**, Director Mr. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Director Mrs. Austin to approve the Warrants/Firefighter Regular Payroll for September 19, 2023, as presented. Ayes: Director Mr. Tiberghien, Director Mr. Anthony, Director Mrs. Austin.

CORRESPONDENCE: Chief Goldstein presented a letter from Bellefontaine Neighbors regarding their Town Hall Meeting being held on September 21, 2023, from 6-8 PM.

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

NEW BUSINESS: Chief Goldstein had nothing to report.

Ordinances: None.

Resolutions: R-2023-05 is a resolution for setting the 2023 Tax Rate. Director Mr. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Director Mrs. Austin, to approve the setting of the 2023 Tax Rate as presented. Ayes: Director Mr. Tiberghien, Director Mr. Anthony, Director Mrs. Austin.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Goldstein presented a quote for mattresses and nightstands from Firehouse Beds for our new fire stations. Chief Goldstein explained that he received multiple bids, and that the Building Committee has reviewed the bids and are recommending Firehouse Beds. Director Mr. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Director Mrs. Austin to approve the Building Committees recommendation for mattresses and nightstands

from Firehouse Beds. Ayes: Director Mr. Tiberghien, Director Mr. Anthony, Director Mrs. Austin. Chief Goldstein presented some surplus equipment (adapter/appliances) that he would like to get rid of. Director Mr. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Director Mrs. Austin, to approve the equipment as surplus. Ayes: Director Mr. Tiberghien, Director Mr. Anthony, Director Mrs. Austin. Chief Goldstein reported that we received a 610 request from the roofer's union regarding the new house # 2 project, and that we have responded back to them with the documents. Chief Goldstein reported that we received a grant from Missouri American Water for \$1,200.00. Chief Goldstein reported that Firefighter Mike (Tony) Miller will be receiving an award from Chief Ihler related to assisting a Police Officer with apprehending a suspect. This will happen at the BFN Town Hall Meeting on September 21, 2023. Chief Goldstein reminded the Board that we have five (5) Tuesdays in October 2023. The Board has decided to not meet on October 31, 2023.

BATTALION CHIEF'S REPORT: Battalion Chief Mark Kuehl had nothing to Report.

MEDICAL OFFICERS REPORT: No Report

SHOP REPORT: Shop Steward Kurt Lubiewski Had nothing to Report.

LAWYERS REPORT: No Report.

ACCOUNTANT REPORT: District Accountant Rick Rognan gave a full report on the setting of the 2023 Tax Rate, and then opened it up to anyone with comments. We had one comment from Ms. Wanda Lane stating that this was a very comprehensive report, and if she had a vote, she would approve accepting the 2023 tax rate. With having no other comments Director My. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Director Mrs. Austin, to approve setting 2023 Tax Rate as presented. Ayes: Director Mr. Tiberghien, Director Mr. Anthony, Director Mrs. Austin. District Accountant Rick Rognan presented the August 2023 Monthly Financial Statements. After a full in-depth report Director Mr. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Director Mrs. Austin to approve the August 2023, Monthly Financial s as presented. Ayes: Director Mr. Tiberghien, Director Mr. Anthony, Director Mrs. Austin.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT: Director Mrs. Austin wished everyone a "Good Evening", and reported that both buildings are coming along nicely, and that she would like to see more information on the website. Director Mrs. Austin asked who is on the building committee. Chief Goldstein explained that our committees are a labor/management make up and announced the names of the committee. Director Mr. Anthony stated that we have great people living in this district, and that "ALL" of our Elected Officials" need to work together for the same cause: "OUR CITIZENS" not themselves. Director Mr. Anthony asked that our young men/women attending Riverview Gardens School stop the fighting. It's a shame that all the activities had to be cancelled to this behavior. Director Mr. Anthony stated that this district is embedded in our community. Director Mr. Anthony asked that everyone "Please "cut out the negative and be positive. Director Mr. Anthony asked that everyone please" Slow Down, Be Kind, God Bless", and "God Bless America". Director Mr. Tiberghien spoke about the Fire Board of Directors, and the Building Committee being good stewards of the taxpayers money for watching over the process of the new buildings. Director Mr. Tiberghien reminded everyone that we want to see you at our meetings. Director Mr. Tiberghien reminded everyone that if they have question regarding the board meeting to please email the Chief or Director Mr. Tiberghien (kgoldstein@nocofr.com or tiberghien@nocofr.com). Also, you can call in at every board meeting, and listen in.

CITIZENS COMMENT: Chief Goldstein reported that Ms. Wanda Lane emailed wishing Battalion Chief Mark Kuehl a "Happy Birthday".

With no further discussion at 5:59 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 September 26, 2023, at 5:00 PM.


Director Richie Tiberghien


Director Kevin Anthony


Director Yolanda Austin