

NORTH COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
WEEKLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
August 15, 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 Counsel 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, and a moment of silence for the lives lost in Hawaii.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Chief Goldstein presented the minutes from August 8, 2023, Open/Closed Session. Director Mr. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Director Mrs. Austin to approve the minutes of the Open/Closed Session from August 8, 2023, as presented. Ayes: Director Mr. Tiberghien, Director Mr. Anthony, Director Mrs. Austin.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Chief Goldstein presented the Agenda for August 15, 2023, Open Session. Director Mr. Anthony made a motion along with an amendment, seconded by Director Mrs. Austin, to approve the August 8, 2023, Open Session agenda along with the amendment to allow for our 2023 Financial Report to be moved up as presented. Ayes: Director Mr. Tiberghien, Director Mr. Anthony, Director Mrs. Austin.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF THE WARRANTS: Chief Goldstein presented the Warrants for August 15, 2023. General Revenue: \$17,594.54; Bond (Capital Projects 2020): \$2,718.00; Dispatch (Communications) \$.00; Health and Welfare: \$1,476.00; Pension: \$00; Debt Service (Bond Retirement): \$1,500.00; EMS: \$2,651.78.; **for a total of \$25,940.32**, Director Mr. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Director Mrs. Austin to approve the Warrants for August 15, 2023, as presented. Ayes: Director Mr. Tiberghien, Director Mr. Anthony, Director Mrs. Austin.

CORRESPONDENCE: Chief Goldstein reported on our Debt Services Account. Chief Goldstein explained how this account works, and that we have \$408,876.36 in the account, and we need to pay down some more debt related to our bonds. Chief Goldstein explained what Defeasances is, and by paying down the debt only helps the district in upcoming years. Chief Goldstein presented a document from Stifel who is overseeing, and tracking all documents related to our 2020 General Obligation (GO) Bonds. Director Mr. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Director Mr. Tiberghien to follow the recommendation from Stifel related to the \$408,876.36 in Debt Services Account, and move forward with the defeasance. All documents were signed. Ayes: Director Mr. Tiberghien, Director Mr. Anthony, Director Mrs. Austin.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Chief Goldstein introduced Lucas Hemann with Poettker Construction who gave a full update on the new building projects, along with a financial update on monies spent so far. The Chief reminded everyone that there are five (5) Tuesdays in August 2023, and the Board will not meet on August 29, 2023.

NEW BUSINESS: Chief Goldstein had nothing to report.

Ordinances: None.

Resolutions: None

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Goldstein reported that on September 21, 2023, we were invited to Bellefontaine Neighbors City Hall Townhall meeting starting from 6-8 PM. Chief Goldstein reported that we will be participating at Jennings Back to School Bash on August 19, 2023, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Location is 8850 Cozens Ave. Chief Goldstein reported on his response plan that he will be implementing with the utilization of Rescue Squad 4916. Chief Goldstein explained that he worked with Banner Fire Equipment Salesman Tom Pour related to our new Ladder Truck getting an upgraded body style, and that EOne will be waiving the \$14,000.00 upgrade change for the district. Chief Goldstein reported that after tonight's meeting, Lucas with (Poettker Construction) will be giving the Board of Directors a walkthrough of the 805 Chambers site.

BATTALION CHIEF'S REPORT: Battalion Chief Mark Kuehl explained that Chief Goldstein has moved this district forward since he arrived. Chief Goldstein has always had a plan for this district, and he is executing it very well. Under Chief Goldstein and the Labor/Management approach we have taken this Fire District has taken a big leap forward.

MEDICAL OFFICERS REPORT: No Report

SHOP REPORT: Shop Steward Kurt Lubiewski stated that Battalion Chief Mark Kuehl is correct in his statement. Under Chief Goldstein we have moved this district so much forward. Chief Goldstein thanked Battalion Chief Mark Kuehl, and Shop Steward Kurt Lubiewski, but this is a team effort, and all I did was bring new ideas to the table the Chiefs, and Shop has a voice in their workplace. I also want to thank the Board of Directors who allow me to run the daily operations of this district. We have a great citizen base, employee group, and we have Great Elected Officials, without this we don't have a "TEAM".

LAWYERS REPORT: No Report.

ACCOUNTANT REPORT: District Accountant Rick Rognan gave a full Financial Report for July 2023. Director Mrs. Austin asked for clarification of a few of the categories related to the report. With no further questions, Director Mr. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Director Mrs. Austin to approve the July 2023 Monthly Financial Report as presented. District Accountant Rick Rognan presented the 2023 Preliminary Tax Rate documentation to the Board. Accountant Rick Rognan stated that after the defeasance update by Chief Goldstein, and the Board of Directors decision he will be change the debt service category to reflect \$0.3900. District Accountant Rick Rognan will get all the updated information to the Chief by morning, and he can get the notification of setting the 2023 tax rate out.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT: Director Mrs. Austin reported that it is great to see Ms. Wanda Lane at our meeting. Director Mrs. Austin reported that we give out a lot of information at our board meetings every week, and having people show up, and working together will only better what the Fire District is accomplishing. Mr. Anthony also thanked Ms. Wanda for being present. Director Mr. Anthony asked that everyone check us out on our website, and our Facebook sites so you know what our Firefighters are doing, and what the Board of Directors are doing for the district. We are embedded in our community. Director Mr. Anthony asked that everyone "Please "cut out the negative and be positive. Please check on the elders, neighbors, and kids. Director Mr. Anthony asked that everyone please" Slow Down, Be Kind, God Bless", and "God Bless America".

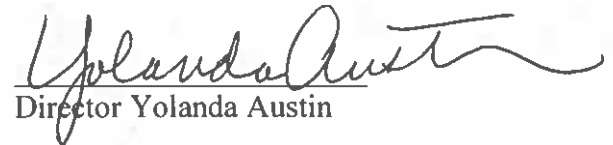
Director Mr. Tiberghien reminded everyone that if they have question regarding the board meeting to please email the Chief or Director Mr. Tiberghien (kgoldstein@nocofr.com or rtiberghien@nocofr.com). Also, you can call in at every board meeting, and listen in.

CITIZENS COMMENT: Chief Goldstein reported that Ms. Wanda was present and would like to address the Board. Ms. Wanda stated that 7 years ago this district was upside down, and with the Board and the Chief it has become the most transparent governmental agencies around. I would like to thank NCFR for attending the Riverview Gardens back to school event, and she stated that RGSD receive d a grant from Boeing. Ms. Wanda thanked d everyone on a personal note for keeping her in our prayers during her illness. Ms. Wanda stated that we need to get a blood drive in the area, because we don't have one. Chief Goldstein asked that she contact our Medical Officer Captain Jennifer Swatek to see about what we need to do for a blood drive.

With no further discussion at 6:21 PM Director Mr. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Director Mrs. Austin, to adjourn, and visit 805 Chambers for a tour with Poettker Construction. 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 August 22, 2023, at 5:00 PM.


Director Richie Tiberghien


Director Kevin Anthony


Director Yolanda Austin