

St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 1

Board of Commissioners

Regular Meeting Minutes May 25, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

The pledge of allegiance and prayer were given.

Roll Call: Chairman Kline and Commissioner Rich was present. Commissioners Davis and Kingston were absent. Commissioner Risley arrived at 6:10.

Due to the lack of a quorum, anything needing a vote would be discussed when Commissioner Risley arrives.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-

Chairman Kline requested that the approval of the minutes be held in abeyance and that he be able to review that tape regarding a comment he made.

The approval of the minutes was tabled.

OLD BUSINESS – NEW BUSINESS -

A) Chief's Report-

- a) **Northshore Volunteers- Arthur Quick-** Mr. Quick stated that a petition was passed around for a manned station at Northshore Beach. He further stated that the past few rolls, in that area, were all under NFPA standards. He requested the tanker, from Brownsitch Rd., to go to their facility, which would need to have living quarters built upstairs. Chief Hess explained that the Tender is a two man company and we can't fight a fire with two men. He also discussed the standards involved with constructing the station. There was additional discussion.
- b) **"Unifire" Proposal-** Chief Hess presented a "position paper" as well as a Power Point presentation. He requested, to the Commissioners, that we do not participate in Unifire. Chairman Kline thanked the employees that worked on this project. He did not want to address the issue without the full board present.
- c) **PIAL Overview-** Chief Hess issued copies of the PIAL rating that was conducted in 2007. He requested that the Commissioners review the information and he will discuss it at the next meeting.

Union President, Chad Duffaut, thanked the Commissioners that were present at the meeting. While he acknowledged that the Board was going to take a vote, regarding Unifire, next month, he asked if any of them had any comments on what was presented. Chairman Kline stated the he didn't feel that there was an advantage to participate nor manage Unifire. Commissioner Rich agreed. Commissioner Risley concurred.

Attorney Troy Ingram commented by saying that when consolidation is considered, parties involved should be neutral and analyze each aspect. There was additional discussion.

Commissioner Risley made a motion to accept the Chief's report. Commissioner Rich seconded the motion. The motion carried.

(Due to having a quorum, the approval of the minutes was discussed)

B) PMI Report- presented by Leo Jackson

1. Employee Benefits

a) Group Major Medical- Claims History Review

2. Human Resource

a) 2010-007: BOC Resolution- Surplus Immovable Property

Commissioner Rich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-007 relating to the surplus of immovable property. Commissioner Risley seconded the motion. The motion carried.

b) 2010-006: BOC Resolution- Surplus Vehicles

Commissioner Risley made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-008 relating to the surplus of inactive equipment. Commissioner Rich seconded the motion. The motion carried

3. Payroll

a) 2009, 2008, 2007: Training Compensation Analysis

b) 2009, 2008, 2007: Fire Prevention Analysis

4. FRS (Firefighters Retirement System)

a) 2010 Projected ER Contribution rate: 21.50% (effective 7/1/10)

b) FRS Back Pay Audit- pay off balance (outstanding)

c) FRS 2006- Outstanding audit acknowledgement (filed as not in agreement with FRS determination)

5. VFIS Special Risk Insurance & LWCC

a) VFIS Renewal Proposal: Renewed (Commercial Property & Casualty)

Chief Kaufmann commented on the attendance being up; sick leave is going down. This has a direct impact on salaries and wages.

Commissioner Risley made a motion to accept the PMI report. Commissioner Rich seconded the motion. The motion carried.

C) DiGiovanni & Associates, CPA's, L.L.C – presented by Chief Kaufmann

The financial report was discussed.

Commissioner Risley commented on Chief Hess' proposed budget workshop; she thought it was a great idea.

Chief Hess stated that Mr. DiGiovanni is in Washington on vacation. While there, he went to FEMA to check on our loan. He confirmed that our CDL loans were in the "forgiven" stack.

Commissioner Risley made a motion to approve the financial report. Commissioner Rich seconded the motion. The motion carried.

D) Attorney's Report- Attorney Troy Ingram gave an overview of "Professional Services" record request.

Commissioner Risley commented on the third party rate changes from 2007 to present. PMI's has remained the same, the others have increased. Mr. Ingram explained the reasoning for his increases.

Chief Hess commented on the disciplinary actions that we have taken being upheld due to the manner in which we use our resources.

There was additional discussion regarding other services (court reporters, etc) being combined under the "Professional Services" line item.

Mr. Ingram requested to suspend the rules to discuss an item not on the agenda.

Commissioner Risley made a motion to suspend the rules. Commissioner Rich seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Ingram discussed the appeal, by Patrick McGee, to the 22nd Judicial. The actions by the Fire Dist. were upheld.

Commissioner Rich made a motion to accept the Attorney's report. Commissioner Risley seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Risley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Rich seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.