

NORTH COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
WEEKLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
May 7, 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; Shop Stewart Kurt Lubiewski. 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 May 1, 2024, Open/Closed Session. Director Mr. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Director Mt. Tiberghien, to approve the minutes of the Open/Closed Session from May 1, 2024, as presented. Ayes: Director Mr. Tiberghien, Director Mr. Anthony, Director Mrs. Austin.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Chief Goldstein presented the Agenda for May 7, 2024, Open Session agenda. Director Mr. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Director Mrs. Austin, to approve the Open Session agenda for May 7, 2024, as presented. Ayes: Director Mr. Tiberghien, Director Anthony, Director Mrs. Austin.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF THE WARRANTS: Chief Goldstein presented the Warrants for May 7, 2024. General Revenue: \$59,030.61; Bond (Capital Projects 2020): \$00; Dispatch (Communications) \$ 00; Health and Welfare: \$2,556.90; Retirement Veba \$ 00; Pension: \$00; Debt Service (Bond Retirement): \$; EMS: \$ 00; **for a total of \$61,587.51**, Director Mr. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Director Mrs. Austin to approve the Warrants for May 7, 2024, as presented. Ayes: Director Mr. Tiberghien, Director Mr. Anthony, Director Mrs. Austin.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Chief Goldstein had nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS: Chief Goldstein had nothing to report.

Ordinances: O-2024-01 is for the 2021 Fire Prevention Code. Director Mr. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Director Mrs. Austin, to approve O-2024-01 Ayes: Director Mr. Tiberghien, Director Mr. Anthony, Director Mrs. Austin. O-2024-02 2021 is for the 2021 Fire Building Code. Director Mr. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Director Mrs. Austin to approve O-2024-02 Ayes: Director Mr. Tiberghien, Director Mr. Anthony, Director Mrs. Austin.

Resolutions: R-2024-03 is for declaring 9933 Diamond Drive as surplus property. Director Mr. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Director Mrs. Austin, to approve R-2024-03 Ayes: Director Mr. Tiberghien, Director Mr. Anthony, Director Mrs. Austin. R-2024-04 is for the 2021 Fire Building Code. Director Mr. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Director Mrs. Austin to approve R-2024-04 Ayes: Director Mr. Tiberghien, Director Mr. Anthony, Director Mrs. Austin.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Goldstein reported that he will be on vacation starting May 8, 2024, through May 11, 2024. Chief Goldstein advised that he will be available by phone and email, also the on-duty Battalion Chief

will be overseeing the district. Chief Goldstein reported that he received an email from St. Louis County Collector of Revenue stating that we will be receiving 2023 protested taxes by a court order.

BATTALION CHIEF'S REPORT: No Report (not present).

MEDICAL OFFICERS REPORT: Captain Jennifer Swatek gave a full in-depth report of CHINE EMS calls/responses into our district. Captain Swatek reported on the Labor/Management EMS Committee that is being headed up by Battalion Chief Mark Kuehl. All three (3) Directors would like this committee to understand that they are only in the beginning stages related to the future of Fire Based EMS/Ambulances for NCFR.

SHOP REPORT: Shop Steward Kurt Lubiewski had no report.

LAWYERS REPORT: No Report.

ACCOUNTANT REPORT: No Report

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT: Director Mrs. Austin wished everyone Good Evening. Director Mrs. Austin was glad to see citizens present at our meetings. Director Mrs. Austin stated that it was nice to see our Firefighters doing community engagement at a BBQ on Saturday May 4, 2024. Director Mrs. Austin stated that she spoke with Jennings School Superintendent Dr. Knight related to the back-to-school jamboree that students signed up for to receive a gift from our Community Outreach related to school attendance, I would like the presentation to be done at one of our Board Meetings. Director Mrs. Austin was very impressed with how other districts came together to fill in during the funeral for Retired Captain Stephen Sexton "YOU ARE A TRUE BROTHERHOOD AND FAMILY". Director Mr. Anthony is also impressed with how Firefighters pull together during tuff times. Director Mr. Anthony thanked our First Responders for all they did during the funeral. Director Mr. Anthony asked that everyone be safe and start watching out for the kids. School is coming to an end for summer break. These kids will not be looking for you, so we must be watching out for them. Director Mr. Anthony reminded everyone to take care of our elders, and our young kids, and "God Bless." Director Mr. Tiberghien thanked our First Responders for what they do every day, and all year long. 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 rheberghien@noco.fr.com). Also, you can call in at every board meeting, and listen in to (314) 899-5515 Pin # 1144.

CITIZENS COMMENT: Chief Goldstein reported that he did not receive any emails and that we have two citizens present.

Mr. James Thomas:

- When the district is ready to speak at a Bellefontaine City Council Meeting, please contact me and I will make sure you get on the agenda.
- I apologize for the City of BFN for not inviting NCFR to the Town Hall Meeting.
- I would like to introduce my Granson: Rodney, and my Granddaughter: Christian.
- Thank you NCFR for keeping our citizens informed on everything you do.

Ms. Wanda Lane:

- Asked Captain Swatek to explain what 911/Transfer Trucks means.
- Asked about future Fire Based EMS/Ambulance service would there be a tax increase. Chief Goldstein explained that we are in the beginning stages of this so there hasn't been any discussion related to any tax increases.
- This week is Teacher Appreciation. Please remember the teacher who touched your life.
- RGSD Senior will be receiving a "FULL RIDE" Scholarship to Washington University.

With no further discussion at 5:45 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 May 14, 2024, at 5:00 PM.


Director Richie Tiberghien


Director Kevin Anthony


Director Yolanda Austin