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Meeting Minutes

The St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 13 Board of Commissioners met in regular session at **7:00 PM** on **February 19, 2025**, at the St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 13 fire station located at 13053 Hwy 190 Covington, LA 70433.

7:00 PM the meeting was called to order by Chairman Tony DeVillier

Roll call: Absent: Mark Cortez; Present: Tony DeVillier, Jeffery Stern, Jorge Fernandez, and Vanessa Wall

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Agenda item moved: Agenda item "Review Civil Service Board reappointment – James Fulger Jr" moved per approval from Chairman Tony DeVillier. The Board recognized the reappointment of James Fulger Jr to the Civil Service Board.

Awards and Recognition: Megin Frey, citizen, awarded with a Life Saving Award for performing CPR on a citizen at Rouses while waiting for emergency services. Life Saving Awards were awarded to the following individuals: Hunter Windom, Michael Getscher, Barrett Hebert, Jay Holcombe, Terry Verdun, and Lance Buisson.

Minutes Review: Review and consideration of approval of January 15, 2025, board meeting minutes, Mr. Stern made a motion to approve minutes, seconded by Mr. Fernandez, no further discussion, all in favor. (See attached).

Financial Report: Mr. Stern reviewed the credit card report before the meeting and reported all in order. Eryn Jones reviewed the through January 31, 2025, financial report, and performance report with the Board. Mr. Fernandez made a motion to adopt the financial reports, and credit card reports, seconded by Ms. Wall, no further comments or discussion, all in favor (see attached).

Old Business

1. Discussed the status of Station 134. Chief Johnson advised that the building has been ordered, the color will be the same as Station 132. He also advised that all of the doors have been ordered. The District is currently waiting on the Parish for the permits. The contractor is ready to go once the permits are obtained.
2. Discussed the status of the Verizon tower. Mr. Stern has had contact with Verizon and told them to reach out to us with a final contract before the February board meeting with an offer. They have not contacted the board. Mr. Stern we let the contract remain as is, the Board agreed and tabled it until Verizon returns at a later date.
3. Discussed the status of the remount of Tanker 134. The Chief advised that the District has picked up the pre-wired chassis from Robert, LA. The pump should be received Friday (2/21/25). The proposed timeline for completion is April 2025.

New Business

1. 2025-005: BOC Resolution (Approve 2024 General Fund Surplus) Mr. Stern made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Fernandez, all in favor
2. 2025-006: BOC Resolution (Approve Transfer of General Fund Surplus to Restricted Funds) Mr. Fernandez made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Stern, all in favor
3. 2025-007: BOC Resolution (Approve 2024 LLA Audit Engagement) Mr. Stern made a motion to adopt, seconded by Ms. Wall, all in favor
4. 2025-008: BOC Resolution (Approve 2024 LLA AUP Audit Engagement) Mr. Stern made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Fernandez, all in favor
5. Additional comments from PMI: None
6. Civil Service report – The Civil Service Board will be meeting Monday (2/24/25) to approve the applications for tests.
7. Training Report: TSO Michael Getscher advised that facility training began early this year with Covington Fire. This year has begun well for individual training as well. There will be an upcoming in-house pump operator class.
8. Fire Prevention: Email report was sent to the Board. Jay Holcombe advised that next month inspections and re-inspections will begin. He advised that he has been working on his individual training.



9. Maintenance – Rodney Waltrip advised that there have only been small issues that have been easily fixed. In the coming months, Structural Testing will be coming out to do the ladder truck testing. There was 800ft of 5” hose that needed to be replaced. Netting has also been ordered for three trucks
10. Fire Chief’s Report: Provided a call breakdown report, 101 calls. Champagne has requested out of the lease agreement. Chad will be looking over the termination agreement as they want the District to pay the legal fees which will be under \$12,000. There was a motion to terminate the lease and pay the legal fees, Mr. Stern made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Fernandez, all in favor

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Stern second by Ms. Wall, all in favor, meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m

Pending approval February 19, 2025