



FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 13
ST. TAMMANY PARISH
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Commissioner

Jeffery Stern
Treasurer

Meeting Minutes

The St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 13 Board of Commissioners met in regular session at **7:00 PM** on **September 18, 2024**, at the St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 13 fire station located at 13053 Hwy 190 Covington, LA 70433.

7:02 PM the meeting was called to order by Chairman George Osbourn

Roll call: Absent: None; Present: George Osbourn, Tony DeVillier, Jeffery Stern, Mark Cortez, and Jorge Fernandez

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Awards and Recognition: Fire Equipment Officer pinning for Brandon Wulff and Jarod Cahill

Minutes Review: Review and consideration of approval of August 21, 2024, board meeting minutes, Mr. DeVillier made a motion to approve minutes, seconded by Mr. Cortez, 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 August 31, 2024, financial report, and performance report with the Board. Mr. DeVillier made a motion to adopt the financial reports, and credit card reports, seconded by Mr. Cortez, no further comments or discussion, all in favor (see attached).

Old Business

1. Discussed the status of Station 134. Chief Johnson advised that the bid will be placed in the papers tomorrow and will run for 3 weeks. The bids will be opened on November 4th, 2024.
2. Mr. Stern spoke on the Verizon tower contract. Mr. Stern advised that Verizon is not budging on the 40-year length of the proposed contract. A motion was made to provide Mr. Stern with the authority to proceed with negotiations with Verizon; motion to approve was made by Mr. DeVillier and seconded by Mr. Cortez, all in favor.

New Business

1. 2024-013: BOC Resolution (Approve Extension of Hancock Whitney Financial Services) - Record keeping
2. 2024-014: BOC Resolution (Approve BOR for Employee Benefits – Olinde Financial Group) - Record keeping
3. 2024-015: BOC Resolution (Approve Purchase of SCBAs for Tender #133) - Record keeping
4. Additional comments from PMI: None
5. Civil Service report – District Chief Ostendorf advised that they are calling for an Operator test for the 3 firefighters
6. Training Report: TSO Michael Getscher advised that the numbers for training are looking great. The Officer I class will begin next week.
7. Fire Prevention: Not present, at a class. The Chief advised that inspections are on going and a written report was provided.
8. Maintenance – Not present, at a class. The Chief advised that all trucks are in service.
9. Fire Chief's Report: Provided a call breakdown report. There were 90 incidents and mostly were medical in 132 area.
10. Additional New Business: None
11. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. DeVillier and second by Mr. Cortez, all in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m

Pending approval September 18, 2024