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Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Commissioners January 10, 2024 *Meeting Minutes*

Called To Order:

Chairman Danny MacGregor called the meeting to order on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 6:00PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Danny MacGregor, Murphy Arsenaux, Leo Casanave, and Raymond Batiste were present. Jeanne Hutchison was absent.

Chad Danenhower is present for PMI.

Secretary Minutes:

Approve minutes of December 13, 2023.

Mr. Casanave made a motion to approve the minutes from December 13, 2023, regular meeting. Mr. Batiste seconded. A vote was taken.

Motion carried.

Treasurer Report:

Mrs. Hutchison was absent. Chief Sicard read the treasurer's report.

Operating account – opened with \$1,230,726.05 credits of \$325,308.02, debits \$371,865.12 service charge of \$133.92 interest paid \$4515.42 with an ending balance of \$1,188,550.45.

Capital Asset account – opened with \$42,896.15, interest paid \$10.93. with an ending balance of \$42,907.08.

Allocated Funds - opened with \$25,021.52, interest paid \$84.31, with an ending balance of \$25,105.83.

Sinking Funds – opened with \$1505.81, interest paid .38, with an ending balance of \$1506.19.

Chief Sicard read a statement from Mr. Waniewski where he stated that the 2023 budget review and audit is underway and will be available for the February 2024 meeting to close out the 2023 budget. He also stated that the budget is in full compliance with the LLA standard.

Mr. Danenhower stated that the total disbursements, the Department is at 100.35% on the budget and 106% of what was estimated.

Mr. Casanave made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Mr. Arsenaux seconded. A vote was taken.

Motion carried.

Chief's Report:

- 1) YTD incidents: 2035 year to date calls
- 2) December incidents: 153 for the month of December as follows:

CALL TYPE	DECEMBER 2023	YEAR TO DATE
Fire	10	121
Rescue & EMS	111	1578
Hazardous Conditions	1	25
Good Intent	9	88
False Alarm & False Calls	4	66
Service Calls	18	157
TOTAL	153	2035

3) Fleet Replacement. Chief Sicard stated that it was time to start rotating the fleet for a new truck. He will be looking into which truck needs to be replaced but wanted to mention to the Board. He wanted to start on plans for the next truck with the money that was moved into one of his phantom accounts last month. Mr. Arsenaux suggested looking into a lease program.

4) Audit 2023 budget. Chief Sicard stated that he already mentioned the statement from Mr. Waniewski.

Mr. Batiste made a motion to accept the Chief's report. Mr. Casanave seconded. A vote was taken.

Motion carried.

New Business:

- 1) Emergency Networking and Streetwise programs.

Assistant Chief Geissler explained three programs that they wanted to invest in to better the Department. Streetwise has a start up fee of \$1968.00 with additional years at \$1368.00. He handed out a side by side comparison of Bryx, which the Department currently has and Streetwise. There are other departments using Streetwise so the working foundation is already established. This will also give credits on PIAL for communications.

Samsara is another option. Dispatch promoted to the Department and would like us to get on board with this option. This would allow GPS tracking and dispatch to see where the vehicles are which would help them make mutual aid decisions. This gives live information, fuel management and tracking and vehicle diagnostics alerts, and the Department would receive PIAL points. The cost would be absorbed into the current dispatch rate which would be a \$180.00 difference per month. There are no set up costs.

Emergency Networking option is a program that most fire departments have committed to this year. He stated that this option is similar to what we are using now. It has a Fire and EMS side. We want to use one software for Fire and EMS. This may be the easier transition option. There is also an investigation module on this one. This would be \$3592.95 which covers Fire and EMS.

Mr. Arsenaux made a motion to allocate funds for systems and execute contract. Mr. Casanave seconded. A vote was taken.

Motion carried.

Adjournment:

Mr. Batiste made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Arsenaux seconded. A vote was taken.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:52.