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Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Commissioners March 9, 2022 *Meeting Minutes*

Called To Order:

Chairman Danny MacGregor called the meeting to order on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 6:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Danny MacGregor, Murphy Arsenaux, Leo Casanave, Raymond Batiste, and Jeanne Hutchison are present.

Chad Danenhowe is present.

Recognition of Assistant Chief Lober.

Chief Sicard recognized Assistant Chief Lober on his retirement and presented him with a plaque. He will have a BBQ next week in a celebration of his 18 years of service. Assistant Chief Lober stated that he was in Lacombe for 20 years and thanked the Board for the opportunity.

Secretary Minutes:

Approve minutes of February 9, 2022.

Mr. Casanave made a motion to approve the minutes from February 9, 2022 regular meeting. Mr. Arsenaux seconded. A vote was taken.

Motion carries.

Treasurer Report:

The Operating Account opened with \$1,748,468.75, credits of \$255,378.71, debits of \$176,402.67, interest paid \$2081.78 with an ending balance of \$1,829,526.57. The deposit of \$22,663.31 made on 2/1/22 included the \$10,000.00 for the sale of the 2007 F350, \$3000.00 for the sale of the 2007 Med 31 chassis only, and the \$3000.00 for the sale of the 2003 Yukon. There was also a deposit of \$215,263.58 for Ad Valorem.

The Allocated Account opened with \$145,396.84, one debit of \$42,028.22, which is the IGT "front money" for UPL. Interest paid \$141.40 with an ending balance of \$103,510.02.

The Capital Asset Account opened with \$42,746.28, interest paid \$.98, with an ending balance of \$42,747.26.

The Sinking Fund Account opened with \$1500.32, interest paid \$.03, with an ending balance of \$1500.35.

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

Motion carries.

Chief's Report:

- 1) YTD incidents. Chief Sicard stated that year to date Non-EMS calls year to date are 87. EMS is 251 with a total YTD is 338 calls.
- 2) Monthly Incidents. February ended with 110 EMS calls, 46 Non-EMS with a total of 156 calls for February.
- 3) Recognition for Assistant Chief Lober was made earlier in meeting.

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

Motion carries.

Assistant Chief's Report:

- 1) Grant update. Chief Geissler stated that the Firehouse Sub grant money should be in the account any day and then the extrication equipment can be purchased.
- 2) Monitor Modems. Chief Geissler explained that our monitors work off of modems to transmit information to the hospitals. The modems were updated because they were 2G, so they were upgraded to 4G.
- 3) Turnout Gear. Chief Geissler explained that we are in the process of replacing turnout gear for two captains. Turnout gear expires after ten years so these purchases will be made soon.

Mr. Arsenaux made a motion to accept the Assistant Chief report. Mr. Casnave seconded. A vote was taken.

Motion carries.

PMI report:

A. 2022-010: BOC Resolution (Ratify Resignation of Professional Services – Legal Service) Request a committee to interview and approve a Department attorney. Mr. Danenhower stated that this resolution is to ratify professional legal services of Troy Ingram's resignation.

Mr. MacGregor read the following into the record:

Resolution 2022-010- Resolution of Board of Commissioners of St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 3 Relating to the Ratification of the Unsolicited Resignation of Professional Legal Services for District No. 3. Mr. Casanave made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-010. Mr. Batiste seconded. A vote was taken.

Motion carries.

B. 2022-011: BOC Resolution (Approving Funding of Bond “Debt” payment).

Mr. Danenhower started that this was just the payment on the Bond debt. Mr. MacGregor read the following for the record:

Resolution of Board of Commissioners of St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 3 Relating to the Approval to Fund the 2022 Certificate of Indebtedness Payment for District No.3.

Mrs. Hutchison made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-011. Mr. Batiste seconded. A vote was taken.

Motion carries.

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

Motion carries.

Legal: Executive Session: To discuss professional services. Discuss and appoint interim legal services. Mr. Casanave made a motion to go into Executive Session. Mrs. Hutchison seconded. A vote was taken.

Motion carries.

The Board entered Executive Session at 6:27.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:07. No action was taken during Executive Session.

Chief Sicard recommended to the Board to ask Chad Danenhower to be approved as the interim legal services. He explained that he asks for interim because he would like to request to the board that a small committee is formed to interview for legal counsel.

Mr. Danenhower accepted the interim attorney position.

A committee to interview and approve a Department attorney was formed by the Board. Mrs. Hutchison and Mr. Casanave will be on the committee. Mr. Arsenaux made a motion to accept the committee of Mrs. Hutchison and Mr. Casanave. Mr. Batiste seconded. A vote was taken.

Motion carries.

Adjournment:

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

Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29.