

Pace Fire Rescue District
Regular Meeting
December 8, 2023

1. Meeting Called to Order

- a. Call to Order at 10:00 a.m. Quorum present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Moment of Silence

4. Public Forum

5. Minutes from the previous meeting

- a. Motion to approve 1st made by Vice-Chairman Gradia and 2nd by Secretary Mills.
- b. Motion passed.

6. Financial Report (Written report attached)

- a. Motion to approve 1st made by Secretary Mills and 2nd by Commissioner Bleecher.
- b. Motion passed.

7. Chief's Report (Written report attached)

- a. Motion to approve 1st made by Secretary Mills and 2nd by Vice-Chairman Nick Gradia
- b. Motion passed.

8. Engine 21 Motor Damage Update

- a. Chief Whitfield informed the board that we will not be getting another remanufacturer engine. The new engine will take 60 days for shipping and will be immediately installed once they receive it.

9. District Charter Update by Senator Broxson

- a. Chief Whitfield gave a thorough discussion on the proposed bill to include examples of residential and commercial properties. The examples show what is being charged now and what will be charged if the bill is approved. Chief Whitfield mentioned when this bill is passed, businesses and citizens who are currently exempt will have to start paying. Vice-Chairman Gradia asked, "would this include pole barns, covered porches, detached buildings?" Chief Whitfield

confirmed that it would include those items and more. The question was asked as to whether we should hire a lobbyist? Vice-Chairman Gradia, “it’s not necessary right now because the bill hasn’t been filed.” Chief Whitfield stated he has started to draft a letter to the public informing them of the bill in detail.

- b. Discussion was held on what was the fire department’s plan of action. The fire department will need to educate the public on the bill being proposed by Senator Broxson and not the department. The public would need to be educated about what the fire department will be using the funds now and in the future. If the public confronts the firefighters, they should be directed to attend one of the board meetings and express their concerns. The public should also write and call Senator Broxson’s office concerning the bill.
- c. Chief Whitfield presented to the board another bill that had just been brought to his attention that is targeting special districts. Chief Whitfield will be keeping the board updated when he gets more information on it.

11. Motion to Adjourn

- a. There being no further business a Motion to Adjourn was 1st made by Treasurer Jankowski and 2nd by Secretary Mills. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m.

Approved this 22nd day of January 2024.



Dean Anderson, Chairman