

Pace Fire Rescue District
Regular Meeting
January 22, 2024

1. Meeting Called to Order

- a. Call to Order at 6:30 p.m. Quorum present.
- b. Commissioner Brandon Beecher and Vice-Chairman Nick Gradia were absent.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Moment of Silence

4. Public Forum

- a. Joseph Orehosky stated he used to work at Pace Fire Department and his concerns are training and physical fitness for the firefighters.
 - The first incident he was concerned about was the Izaeh Restaurant fire. He stated our truck was parked at the wrong end of the building, that would be a training issue. Chief Whitfield stated that wasn't our truck it was another department's truck that was there assisting.
 - The second concern was a residential fire. He stated the engineer was struggling to "dress out" a 5" hose so he assisted, and the hydrant was 300 ft away and the engineer was having problems pulling it to the hydrant. He had heard some people had an issue with him pitching in to help. He was a concerned citizen and was a trained firefighter, so he offered to help. Chief Whitfield stated they were reviewing the incident. Mr. Orehosky stated that firefighters are lazy people in general and don't like to train nor work out unless they are made to do it. Chief Whitfield stated he promotes training and physical fitness for all the firefighters.
- b. Aaron Williams running for County Commissioner District 1, Zoning and Redevelopment. Mr. Williams' concern is with all the development in the area, what is the fire department's water capability within the new subdivisions? Chief Whitfield touched on all the new housing, businesses and what the fire department's capability. Chief Whitfield also invited Mr. Williams on a tour of our district.

5. Minutes from the previous meeting

- a. Motion to approve 1st made by Secretary Daniel Mills and 2nd by Treasurer Bob Jankowsky.
- b. Motion passed.

6. Financial Report (Written report attached)

- a. Motion to approve 1st made by Treasurer Bob Jankowsky and 2nd by Secretary. Daniel Mills.
- b. Motion passed.

7. Chief's Report (Written report attached)

- a. Motion to approve 1st made by Secretary Daniel Mills and 2nd by Treasurer Bob Jankowsky.
- b. Motion passed.

8. Engine 21 Motor Damage Update

- a. Chief Whitfield updated everyone that Engine 21 was at Ten-8 and they will be installing a new engine and it should be back here sometime this week.

9. Rescue 21 Refurbishment Project

- a. Chief Whitfield informed everyone that Resue 21 was in Forsyth, GA. The refurbishment was still on schedule. Treasurer Bob Jankowsky asked how much the refurbishment is going to cost. Chief Whitfield told him \$450,000. Secretary Daniel Mills explained how this 2009 refurbishment was going to be better than a new truck which would cost approximately a million dollars with all kinds of problems the new ones were having.

10. Station 4 Project

- a. Chief Whitfield stated the soil samples had been pulled and the final plans were almost completed. Once they are completed it will go to bid.

11. L.O.S.T Apparatus Purchase

- a. Chief Whitfield stated the new Squad was almost completed and some of the parts that had been ordered had to be reordered. Again, they have all the parts once again and are back on schedule.
- b. Treasurer Bob Jankowski asked if there would be training on the new Squad. Chief Whitfield assured him once the Squad is delivered to us there would be training for all shifts.

12. District Charter Update by Florida Legislators

- a. Chief Whitfield is working on setting up a meeting with Representative Andrade along with Chief Wiggins from Avalon Fire Department. Further discussion proceeded on the Bill that had been filed. Senator Broxson's Bill has Midway Fire Department maxed out so they will stay and not go up. Chief Whitfield said, "if we had a recession, it would help otherwise, we would need to stay on it every year". Andrew Adcox stated, "we should go to the max instead of wondering what it is going to do next year". Treasurer Bob Jankowski stated,

“this Bill makes it harder to plan for future projects.” Discussion on the Bill dealing with Special Districts was discussed in general.

13. Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement

- a. Chief Whitfield explained the need for a Mutual Aid Agreement between the fire department and the Florida Division of Emergency Management. The first reading of Resolution 2024-001 was completed.
- b. Motion to approve 1st made by Treasurer Bob Jankowski and 2nd by Secretary Daniel Mills.
- c. Motion passed.

14. Motion to Adjourn

- a. There being no further business a Motion to Adjourn was 1st made by Treasurer Bob Jankowski and 2nd by Secretary Daniel Mills. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.
- b. Due to February 19, 2024, being President’s Day, the board meeting has been changed to February 26, 2024.

Approved this 26th day of February 2024.



Dean Anderson, Chairman