

Pace Fire Rescue District
Regular Meeting
June 24, 2024

1. Meeting Called to Order

Present: Chairman Dean Anderson, Treasurer Bob Jankowski, Vice-Chairman Nick Gradia and Secretary Danel Mills.

Not Present: Commissioner Brandon Beecher, his absence was excused.

Chairman Dean Anderson called the meeting to order at approximately 5:10 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

a. Chairman Dean Anderson led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Moment of Silence

a. Chairman Dean Anderson led in the opening prayer.

4. Public Forum

- a. Mr. Andrew Adcox, 5301 Stiles Lane, Pace, FL; President of the Santa Rosa County Professional Firefighters IAFF L-4836 Union, handed out their "Representation-Certification Petition". A lengthy discussion was held between Mr. Adcox, Chief Whitfield and the Board regarding the petition. Mr. Adcox wanted to submit the petition to the Board for information. Mr. Adcox mentioned he had a message on his phone to call his attorney the next day. Chairman Dean Anderson tabled the discussion until the next meeting due to Mr. Adcox needing to return his attorney's phone call.
- b. Mr. Robert Kramer Jr., 903 W. 3rd Street, Lynn Haven, FL; inquired about the sales tax the county receives and whether the fire department gets any of the taxes. The board and Chief Whitfield explained about the sales tax and how the fire department receives "fire tax" only from the county.

5. Minutes from the previous meeting

- a. Motion to approve 1st made by Treasurer Bob Jankowski and 2nd by Vice-Chairman Nick Gradia.
- b. Motion passed, unanimously.

6. Financial Report (Written report attached)

- a. Chief Whitfield will be looking at the possibility of moving to another bank with a higher interest rate than the account we have currently.
- b. Motion to approve 1st made by Treasurer Bob Jankowski and 2nd by Vice-Chairman Nick Gradia.

- c. Motion passed, unanimously.

7. Chief's Report (Written report attached)

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

8. Surplus Property

- a. Chief Whitfield discussed the two trucks we have now that need to be surplus because of the age and not being feasible to repair either one of them. Treasurer Bob Jankowski asked, "what would the Hydrant Crew" use to check the hydrants. Chief Whitfield explained, "they are using the service truck, but he was looking to buy another truck for the hydrant crew."
- b. Motion to approve 1st made by Treasurer Bob Jankowski and 2nd made by Vice-Chairman Nick Gradia.
- c. Motion passed, unanimously.

9. Station 4 Bids

- a. Discussion was held to determine which contractor best qualified to hire to build Station 4.
 - i. A.E. New Jr. Inc. - All the requested paperwork was submitted, they have already built numerous fire departments, and the lowest bidder.
 - ii. Emerald Coast Constructors - All the requested paperwork was submitted, currently building their first fire department.
 - iii. Dominquez Design-Build - All the requested paperwork was submitted, hasn't built a fire department.
 - iv. Joy Gordon Construction - All the requested paperwork was not submitted so it was incomplete.
- b. Treasurer Bob Jankowski asked if Chief Whitfield had spoken to any other fire departments that had had recent construction completed". Chief Whitfield replied, "yes he has, and one was present". Deputy Fire Chief Derek Pratten, Pensacola Fire Department, was present, and gave an account of his experience with A.E. New Jr. Inc building their department. His only complaint was the subcontractors not with A.E. New Jr., Inc. His advice was to always stay on top of everything with whichever company we picked.
- c. Motion to approve A.E. New Jr., Inc. for Station 4 construction was 1st made by Treasurer Bob Jankowski and 2nd made by Vice-Chairman Nick Gradia.
- d. Motion passed, unanimously.

10. Station 4 Addition Project

- a. Chief Whitfield updated the Board on the “conditional” use approval from Santa Rosa County. He is trying to have this item added to the Zoning Board meeting agenda in July. There was a delay in the Department of Health with the gear extractor, it has been handled.
- b. No action was taken at this time.

11. Station 1 Generator Grant

- a. Chief Whitfield updated the Board stating the grant had been submitted for the State to review and consider.
- b. No action was taken at this time.

12. Appeals Policy

- a. Chief Whitfield had attached Attorneys opinion on the policy.
- b. No action was taken at this time.

13. Non Ad-Valorem Resolution

- a. The new “Law” that was signed by the Governor and will go into effect in October was discussed.
- b. Chairman Dean Anderson read Resolution 24-002.
- c. Motion to approve Resolution 24-002 was 1st made by Treasurer Bob Jankowski and 2nd by Secretary Daniel Mills.
- d. Motion was passed, unanimously.

14. Motion to Adjourn

- a. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:00 p.m.
- b. Motion to Adjourn was 1st made by Treasurer Bob Jankowski and 2nd by Secretary Daniel Mills.
- c. Motion passed, unanimously.

Approved this 15th day of July 2024.



Dean Anderson, Chairman