



**Holley-Navarre Fire District  
Board of Fire Commissioners  
February 26, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.  
Minutes Are Not Verbatim**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Dave Stone. Captain D. Tolar led the pledge. All commissioners were present with the exception of Commissioner Culberson. Also present were E45 and E41 crews, BC Turnage, J. Kiley on behalf of Local #4695, Chief Lewis, and Admin Dee May.

**Chairman Comments** - None

**Meeting Minutes**

January 22, 2024 - Meeting minutes were reviewed. **Commissioner Reilly made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Cooper. Vote held. Motion – passed unanimous.**

**Treasurers Report**

**February 2024**

Regions Checking	\$1,971,181.04
Impact Fee Acct	\$458,508.32
Reserve Fund Acct	\$583,571.00

Income received to date	\$3,215,361.47
Expenses to date	\$1,529,271.63

Treasurers Report read into record by Commissioner Cooper. **Commissioner Reilly made a motion to accept the treasurers report as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Cooper. Vote held. Motion – passed unanimous.**

**Chief's Report** – 266 calls in the last month, 1 very challenging structure fire. Two AFG grants have been submitted. Midway bill was pushed through. Merger talks have been pushed to the forefront again. We will wait to see how things play out. Chief Lewis plans to meet with Representative Androde and give him our options – go to referendum for ad valorem or see if he will back us getting on the same bill as Midway, Pace, and Avalon. At the moment an 8% raise will get the new hires to the \$15/hr minimum wage requirement. Statutory increase figures will be in in April, so we will see how much that will help us. Wharton-Smith expects to break ground on St 44 in June. Everything takes time as it is a state grant and they want to make sure it is done correctly. As of right now, we can man St 44 with two guys in the squad.

**Old Business** – All seats are up for election

**New Business:**

- 1. Board approval to sell Sutphen SPH aerial** – Everything is done. Chesterfield Township's board approved the purchase of the aerial for \$1.6 million; all we are waiting on now is our board's approval. Ideally, the district would like to purchase a ladder in 3-4 years to pair with an engine and make it a true truck company, but right now it is working harder than what a ladder truck is made for and costing us quite a bit in wear and tear. Chairman Stone stated that it made sense to sell it as we have access to three of them in nearby districts. **Commissioner Reilly made a motion to approve the sale of the Sutphen aerial, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Cooper. Vote held. Motion – passed unanimous.**

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- 2. Board approval and resolution to purchase Sutphen demo pumper** – The demo is a squad pumper that has 300 miles on it. Financing has been arranged. An added bonus is that with all the apparatus in service, we will meet the fire flow requirements for ISO. **Commissioner Reilly made a motion to adopt Resolution #24-02 authorizing Kevin Lewis as Fire Chief to enter into a 15-year Lease Purchase Agreement with Leasing 2, Inc. to partially finance the purchase of a Sutphen HS-7315 pumper truck in the amount of \$695,000 to be purchased from Sutphen Corporation using its Florida dealership “South Florida Emergency Vehicles” with the contingency that our attorney complete final legal review and make necessary changes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Cooper. Vote held. Motion – passed unanimous.**

**Next Meeting**

Next Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 25, 2024. Meeting adjourned at 6:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Charles Cooper*

Charles Cooper, Secretary/Treasurer  
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