



Holley-Navarre Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners August 22, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. Minutes Are Not Verbatim

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Dave Stone. Chief Norton led the pledge. Commissioners Dave Stone, DJ Stone, Darin Culberson, Todd Tolbert and Roger Burton were in attendance, as well as Chief Norton, BC Kevin Lewis, and Admin Dee May. Engine 41 crew was in attendance, as well as 16 members of the public.

Oath of Office - Chairman Dave Stone performed the Oath of Office, swearing in Roger Burton as HNF Board of Fire Commissioner, Seat 3.

Public Hearing for Resolution 22-01 - Public hearing regarding imposing and levying the annual non-ad valorem assessments to fund fire protection services. Resolution was read by Chairman Dave Stone, who then asked for public comments. Seven members of the public spoke. Chief Norton answered questions and explained what the notice means, how square footage is determined, how the money is collected annually, and why the 4.78% increase is needed. One member spoke out against paying the annual fire tax while several stated they were fine with paying what was needed now that it had been explained. **Commissioner DJ Stone made a motion to accept Resolution 22-01, 2nd by Commissioner Burton. Vote held. Motion – passed unanimous.**

Public Hearing for Resolution 22-02 – Public hearing regarding placing on the November ballot a referendum levying ad valorem taxes instead of non-ad valorem assessments. Resolution was read by Chairman Dave Stone, who then asked for public comments. Chief Norton explained that if we were to go to ad valorem, a 1.2 millage rate would keep things as they are now. A 1.5 millage rate would give us room to grow and help us accomplish immediate goals, such as going ALS and fully staffing the Holley station once it is built. Commissioner Tolbert stated that ALS is very important to him personally, as well as building the Holley station. Chief Norton stated that before the ad valorem vote is included on the ballot, HNF will be attempting to get the word out thru the local press, flyers, HOA meetings, and social media. **Commissioner Tolbert made a motion to accept Resolution 22-02, 2nd by Commissioner DJ Stone. Vote held. Motion – passed unanimous.**

Chairman's Comments – Commissioner Culberson commended Engineer Daniel Tolar for being nominated to be a firefighter/paramedic on a board led by the Surgeon General. Commissioner DJ Stone mentioned that Todd's term is up in November and if anyone is interested, we have a seat open for appointment.

Meeting Minutes – August 15, 2022 – **Commissioner Culberson made a motion to accept minutes as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Burton. Vote held. Motion - passed unanimous.**

Treasurers Report

Commissioner DJ Stone read the report as follows:

August 2022

Regions Checking	\$728,819.63
Impact Fee Acct	\$721,174.07
Apparatus Fund	\$127,261.20
Reserve Fund Acct	\$683,571.00

Income received to date	\$3,007,174.41
Expenses to date	\$2,872,829.00

Treasurers Report for August 2022 read into record by Commissioner DJ Stone. **Motion made to accept report by Commissioner Culberson, 2nd by Commissioner Tolbert. Vote held. Motion - passed unanimous.**

Chief's Report

(See attached) Chief Norton presented the Chief's Report. **Motion made to accept Chief's Report by Commissioner Tolbert, 2nd by Commissioner Culberson. Vote held. Motion – passed unanimous.**

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Action Register

1. Commissioner DJ Stone would like to see a plan for appropriations grant and Station 44 (6/28/22) – Met with Engineer Greg Campbell last Friday (8/19/22). The survey of the property was emailed to him. He is going to make a rough design of what can fit on the property. Once the building is designed, the project will be open for bidding.
2. Commissioner Dave Stone would like a concrete plan and talking points for the ad valorem referendum (8/15/22) – (See attached) Chief Norton handed out some bullet points that can be discussed with the public, such as the benefit of going ad valorem and why non-ad valorem no longer effective for Navarre. Commissioner DJ Stone stated that more statistics, facts, etc, need to be communicated to the public and to expound on points in laymen's terms.

Budget Workshops:

- Monday, September 12, 2022 at 6 pm
- Monday, September 19, 2022 at 6 pm

Next Meeting

Next meeting is Monday, September 26, 2022. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

D.J. Stone, Secretary/Treasurer
DJS:sdm