COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES

March 15, 2023

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

1. Baneta (Bonnie) Sheffler, Chairman
2. Steven A. Brown, Commissioner
3. Gary Frisque, Commissioner

**STAFF, FIREFIGHTERS AND GUESTS PRESENT**

1. Star Orman, Secretary to the Board of Commissioners
2. Robert Webber, Fire Chief

Chairman Sheffler called the meeting to order at 15:00; Commissioner Brown led us in the pledge of allegiance, and Commissioner Frisque led us in Prayer.

**Consent Agenda**

* Approve Meeting Minutes – March 1st, 2023.
* Deposits: $8,715.09.
  + EFT- $1,340.19, $1,005.13, $125.50.
  + PUD Privilege- $6,244.27
* Vouchers: 8364 – 8381
  + General Fund – $16,353.66

**COMMISSIONER BROWN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, COMMISSIONER FRISQUE SECONDED, AND CHAIRMAN SHEFFLER CONCURRED.**

**CORRESPONDENSE – See Attached**

* None

**CHIEF’S REPORT – See Attached**

* S43 has the new front bumper on it.
* M41 has its new graphics.
* 6 new multi-gas meters have been put in service (DOE Grant).
* The lights in the utility room in Station 41 Admin stopped working, so we had an electrician come in and work on it. Ultimately, we installed new LED lights.
* I am getting quotes for electricity to be run into the new bldg at Station 42.
* The video doorbell has been installed at the station 41 crew door.

**UNFINSHED BUSSINESS**

* EMS and Newport update – discussion
  + Chief informed at the last meeting there was an executive session, nothing has come out of that. Chief wants to talk to John Jackson regarding EMS ideas.
  + E-mails- Chief tried emailing the city but has been stopped and not much has come of that. Attached copy.
  + Through conversation Chief has informed the City of Newport that it will be cheaper for the tax payers, but to think about who is closer, knows the people in the City.
  + Chief pointed out to the Board the City of Newport passed an ordinance regarding banning fireworks in the city, and the lack of communication between the City of Newport and Fire District 4. Further discussion took place regarding the City of Newport.
* Commissioner Brown asked about having Newport’s hose testing.
* Commissioner Brown asked how can we help POEMS without gifting public funds. Chief stated he is going to be reaching out to other fire departments to see how they are doing Public/ Private partnership. Chief also talked about running an EMS levy. Further discussion took place regarding an EMS levy.
* Commissioner Brown inquired about the Ladder Truck, Chief informed once the show melts, we will get them auctioned off. Commissioner Sheffler asked if we are planning on buying a new ladder, Chief informed we put money aside for a new one.
* Computers for the Commissioners have been delivered.

**NEW BUSSINESS**

* None

**OPEN SESSION**

* None

**MEETING ADJOURENED**

As there was no further business before the Board, Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 18:46 pm.

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Gary Frisque, Commissioner

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Baneta D. Sheffler, Chairman

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Steven A. Brown, Commissioner

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Star S. Orman,

Secretary to the board of Commissioners