



Holley-Navarre Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners May 24, 2021 – 6:00 p.m. Minutes Are Not Verbatim

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Chairman Dave Stone. Chief Norton led the pledge. Commissioners Dave Stone, DJ Stone, Darin Culberson, and Doug Schumpert were in attendance, as well as Chief Norton, BC Lewis, Project Manager Chris Levitt, and Admin D. May. Commissioner Todd Tolbert was not present. Station 41 crew was also in attendance.

Public Announcements / Public Comments - None

Chairman's Comments – See below (Old Business #2)

Meeting Minutes – April 28, 2021

Commissioner Schumpert made a motion to accept October minutes as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Culberson. Vote held. Motion - passed unanimous.

Treasurers Report

Commissioner DJ Stone read the report as follows:

May 2021

Regions Checking	\$1,468,221.68
Impact Fee Acct	\$1,044,444.14
Apparatus Fund	\$249,000.00
Reserve Fund Acct	\$683,571.00

Income received to date	\$2,814,130.98
Expenses to date	\$2,054,734.70

Treasurers Report for May 2021 read into record by Commissioner Stone. **Motion made to accept report by Commissioner Schumpert, 2nd by Commissioner Culberson. Vote held. Motion - passed unanimous.**

Chief's Report

Incidents for April 2021: Total runs of 205, average response time 7:13, overlapping calls 45 or 22%. COVID restrictions reduced. As close to "normal" as we can be. Staffing-All currently budgeted positions are filled. All apparatus in service. Projects: Building construction projects/blueprints in progress but delayed delivery in the June timeframe due to COVID, proceeding with foundation; 41 driveway repair is pending. Training for Safe Haven for Newborns status. Purchases: FC vehicle ordered, 2021 Ford Explorer. BC vehicle being spec'd, 2021 F250. Grants: AFG grant for ladder truck, AFG grant for SAFER staffing, Firehouse Subs, Dickey's, Gary Sinise, Gulf Power, Dennis Leary Foundations have all been applied for. Acknowledgements: Station 45 B-watch 1st quarter, Company of the Quarter. C-watch CPR infant save. **Motion made to accept Chief's Report by Commissioner Schumpert, 2nd by Commissioner Culberson. Vote held. Motion – passed unanimous.**

Commissioner's Comments – See below (Old Business #3)

Old Business

- 1. Project Update:** Chris Levitt presented the preliminary figures for the new training room building (see attached). As of now, the cost will be approximately \$424,000. Chris stated that he could guarantee the cost to be 10% lower and his goal is to make it 20% lower. His goal is to have the project done by 9/30/21. Chief Norton would like to know when the foundation will get started. Chris said as soon as we approve this preliminary cost sheet, we can pull the trigger on permitting, pouring foundation, etc. Steel building will be delivered 6/21/21. He will continue to turn in a weekly report for the binder and attend monthly meetings to give updates. **Motion to approve preliminary cost sheet made by Commissioner DJ Stone, 2nd by Commissioner Schumpert. Vote held. Motion – passed unanimous.**
- 2. Update on ladder truck, ALS, and Holley Station** - Commissioner Dave Stone would like to know where we stand on the ladder truck, the Holley Station, and going ALS. **Ladder Truck:** Chief Norton stated that BC Lewis is spearheading the truck committee. BC Lewis said that we have reviewed 3 trucks (Sutphen, Pierce, and E-One) and will make a decision on 6/10/21. All run about \$1.1 million. Could possibly piggyback on Midway, who is also ordering ladder truck, and maybe get a better price. **ALS Program:** 3 medics, one needs to re-take, one is finishing up in August. Last meeting 18 months target. Single medic on rescue truck and run that is a temporary possibility. **Holley Station:** \$2 million for original plans. Probably looking at double that now. Modular building with lean-to garage is a last-option possibility. Possibly \$100k. Chief will find old blueprints.
- 3. Minimum Wage Increase** – Commissioner DJ Stone stated \$15/hr looking more and more like it's going to happen. 25% across the board increase over the next five years to include a step program for all firefighters, not just entry level. DJ would like to know projection information, when and how this is supposed to happen. Discussed going back to the public and explaining why we need a fire tax increase so our firefighters are not making entry level wages. Need to translate that message to the public and project a unified front, answer questions, etc.

New Business - None

Next Meeting

The next scheduled Board meeting will be held on Monday, June 28, 2021 at 6 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DJ Stone

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