



Holley-Navarre Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners June 28, 2021 – 6:00 p.m. Minutes Are Not Verbatim

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Chairman Dave Stone. BC Kevin Lewis led the pledge. Commissioners Dave Stone, DJ Stone, Darin Culberson, Todd Tolbert, and Doug Schumpert were in attendance, as well as Chief Norton, BC Lewis, BC Davidson, Project Manager Chris Levitt, and Admin D. May. Station 41 crew was also in attendance.

Public Announcements / Public Comments – Kevin Mullins, ex fire commissioner and former firefighter, commended Chief Norton on the job he was doing. Mr. Mullins stated that if we needed to raise the fire tax, he was 100% in support of it. He recommends staying non-ad valorem so we do not run into the issues Midway had during the recession.

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

Meeting Minutes – May 24, 2021

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

Treasurers Report

Commissioner DJ Stone read the report as follows:

June 2021

Regions Checking	\$1,294,593.84
Impact Fee Acct	\$1,029,444.14
Apparatus Fund	\$249,000.00
Reserve Fund Acct	\$683,571.00
Income received to date	\$2,892,674.09
Expenses to date	\$2,307,376.78

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

Chief's Report

Incidents for May 2021: Total runs of 351, average response time 6:51, overlapping calls 111 or 31%. Staffing-All currently budgeted positions are filled. All apparatus in service. Projects: Building construction projects/blueprints in progress but delayed delivery in the July timeframe due to COVID, proceeding with foundation; 41 driveway repair in process. Training for Safe Haven for Newborns completed. Purchases: FC vehicle ordered, 2021 Ford Explorer. BC vehicle ordered, 2022 F250. Utility vehicle to be ordered, 2022 F150. 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: Training Committee for performing water/surf training and high rise training. Also, Aerial Committee for their hard work to date. **Motion made to accept Chief's Report by Commissioner Schumpert, 2nd by Commissioner Culberson. Vote held. Motion - passed unanimous.**

Commissioner's Comments – Commissioner Tolbert is happy to see the multi-District training between Midway, Holley-Navarre, and Navarre Beach. Commissioner Culberson echoed the statement. Commissioner DJ Stone is excited to see things coming to fruition and excited about moving forward. Commissioner Tolbert would like to know if we are still looking at purchasing a boat. Chief Norton stated that we had channeled the LOST funds into purchasing the aerial device. The boat is not a dead issue, just pushed to the back burner for now.

Old Business

- 1. Project Update:** Chris Levitt is currently replacing concrete at Station 41. It will now be 3500 PSI with 12" thick concrete with rebar. County is taking 20-30 days for permitting to go through and we are waiting for that for the new building at Station 45. New delivery date for steel building is 7/7/21. Chris Levitt stated he is confident the cost will be less than \$400,000.
- 2. Priorities for 2022:** Chief Norton presented a sheet listing the priorities for the upcoming year (see attached).
 - A. Minimum Wage**-Roughly 20-25% wage increase across the board. Chief Norton stated it's going to take more revenue and we have several options: go ad valorem, non-ad valorem rate increase, or statutorily allowable increase. Commissioner DJ Stone would like to see what other Districts are doing. He also suggested the Local reaching out to other departments and see what their options are.
 - B. Station 44**-Commissioner Schumpert wants to know if we have any other options to decrease the cost of the building. Could we share the building with the Sherriff's office? Commercial business to use as storefront with station behind? Temporary modular building? Chairman Dave Stone would like to discuss in more depth at the budget workshop.
 - C. ALS**-Commissioner Stone would like to see the numbers to see what can be done. He stated that if ALS isn't going to happen in the next year or so, maybe we should consider shutting that down, staying BLS, and funneling that money towards other priorities.

New Business

Budget Workshop – First workshop date was set for Thursday, July 15, 2021 at 6 pm. An August budget workshop date will be set at the regular July board meeting.

Next Meeting

The next scheduled Board meeting will be held on Monday, July 26, 2021 at 6 p.m. The first budget workshop for FY21-22 will be on Thursday, July 15, 2021, at 6 pm. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DJ Stone

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