



Holley-Navarre Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners September 27, 2021 – 6:00 p.m. Minutes Are Not Verbatim

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Dave Stone. 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. Stations 45 and 41 crews were also in attendance. Commissioners Todd Tolbert was absent.

Public Announcements / Public Comments – None

Chairman's Comments – Chairman Dave Stone wanted to know if there would be legal representation during depositions for HNFD vs Laws. Chief Norton told him that our attorney would be present while we speak on Zoom with the opposing counsel's representation during depositions.

Meeting Minutes – August 23, 2021 - **Commissioner Schumpert made a motion to accept minutes as presented, 2nd by Commissioner Culberson. Vote held. Motion - passed unanimously.** Special Meeting September 13, 2021 – **Commissioner Schumpert made a motion to accept minutes as presented, 2nd by Commissioner DJ Stone.**

Treasurers Report

Commissioner DJ Stone read the report as follows:

September 2021

Regions Checking	\$341,240.93
Impact Fee Acct	\$915,548.35
Apparatus Fund	\$301,762.38
Reserve Fund Acct	\$683,571.00
Income received to date	\$2,895,031.83
Expenses to date	\$3,197,314.96

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

Chief's Report

Incidents for August 2021: Total runs of 357, average response time 7:01, overlapping calls 137 or 38%. Staffing-All currently budgeted positions are filled. Vehicle Status: E41 in the shop, warranty work, pump test Reserve in the shop with transmission issues. Using Reserve 49 for now. Projects: 41 driveway repair completed. Grants: AFG grant for ladder truck, AFG grant for SAFER staffing has awarded, Firehouse Subs, Dickey's, Gary Sinise, Gulf Power, Dennis Leary Foundations have all been applied for. Acknowledgements: BC Lewis and 2 members of the Apparatus Committee will be going to Ohio for pre-build of aerial in mid-October. **Motion made to accept Chief's Report by Commissioner Schumpert, 2nd by Commissioner Culberson. Vote held. Motion – passed unanimously.**

Commissioner's Comments – None

Old Business

Project Update: Exterior building completed, 90% of interior completed. C. Levitt is hoping to have it finished by 12/1/21. He thinks it is right on target to hit the projected cost of \$400,000 or less. Job site has been cleaned and he encouraged the commissioners to inspect the building.

New Business –

- 1. Make Chief Norton the District Rep for HNFD during Mediation of Laws' Civil Suit. Commissioner Schumpert made a motion to make Chief Norton the district representative, 2nd by Commissioner DJ Stone. Vote held. Motion – passed unanimously.**
- 2. Approve FY2022 Budget** – Budget was reviewed by Chief Norton and the commissioners. **Commissioner Schumpert made a motion to accept the budget for FY 2022, 2nd by Commissioner DJ Stone. Vote held. Motion – passed unanimously.**
- 3. Approve FEMA SAFER Grant** – Through an application submitted by BC Lewis, HNFD was awarded a \$2.4 million SAFER grant for 12 additional firefighters for the next three years. Grant goes into effect on 2/26/22 through 2/26/25. Open roundtable on Friday at 9 am to discuss ideas, such as where we will put them, how to we pay for them after three years, etc. Commissioner DJ Stone asked how HNFD will pay for it. Chief Norton stated that raising assessment rates is really the only option. There is an extension period that we can apply for after the grant expires. Commissioner DJ Stone believes we should have a firm plan in place. Chairman Dave Stone believes we will have to change the way we collect assessments, possibly going to ad valorem. Commissioner DJ Stone stated we may need to pause on several other priorities to make it happen, such as ALS. Chairman Dave Stone would like to contact GSG and have them run the numbers so we can see what we collect now vs what we would collect under a millage system. **Commissioner Schumpert made a motion to accept the FEMA SAFER grant, 2nd by Commissioner Culberson. Vote held. Motion – passed unanimously.**

Next Meeting

The next scheduled Board meeting will be held on Monday, October 25, 2021 at 6 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

DJ Stone

D.J. Stone, Secretary/Treasurer
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