

SMITHVILLE AREA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
May 28, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Smithville Area Fire Protection District was called to order by Chairman Jason Ekis at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were Jason Ekis, Cliff Grindel, Brian Laybourne, and Ken Wilson.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's Report for April 2024 will be filed for audit with no changes and without objection.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: None.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Cline provided the Chief's report.

April 2024 had a total of 7 fire incidents, 78 medical emergencies, 8 motor vehicle accidents, 1 water rescue incident, 5 hazardous conditions, 10 service calls, 22 good intents. Two false alarms. And two severe weather incidents for a total of 136 for the month; up 66 runs from last year.

Community risk reduction. Total of 4 public education events, 7 public relations events. No investigations, inspections, or plan reviews. Total of 13 permits issued.

Personnel completed 323 hours of training, including the Lucas device which has been placed in service.

Maintenance. A leaking shower was repaired at Station #2. The 2017 pumper remains out of service, hopefully back the end of this week. There was a delay in parts.

Administration. Had ISO inspection on May 1. There's a few things to submit and then will probably be about four to five months out to get updated rating. J. Ekis ask Chief about what the rating will be, and Chief Cline responds.

Completed 2 days of life fire training at the Southern Platte burn tower. And had a labor management meeting since then.

Capital improvement projects. The Lucas device is in service. The ventilation fans are in service. The new hose and new nozzles have been placed in service. The command vehicles have been ordered.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A. President

B. Laybourne makes a motion that Jason Ekis stays President. K. Wilson seconded. Roll call vote: K. Wilson, yes. B. Laybourne, yes. C. Grindel, yes. J. Ekis, yes. Motion carried.

B. President Pro-Temp

J. Ekis makes a motion nominating Brian Laybourne for President Pro-Temp. C. Grindel seconded. Roll call vote: K. Wilson, yes. B. Laybourne, yes. C. Grindel, yes. J. Ekis, yes. Motion carried.

B. Secretary/Treasurer

C. Grindel makes a motion nominating Ryan Larson for Secretary/Treasurer. J. Ekis seconded. Roll call vote: K. Wilson, yes. B. Laybourne, yes. C. Grindel, yes. J. Ekis, yes. Motion carried.

2. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BANK AUTHORIZATIONS

J. Ekis makes a motion that Courtney Castillo and the five board members are the authorized signatures for the District's bank accounts at Central Bank: Operating account, debt service account, capital improvement account, and reserve account. B. Laybourne seconded. Roll call vote: K. Wilson, yes. B. Laybourne, yes. C. Grindel, yes. J. Ekis, yes. Motion carried.

3. PRESENTATION OF DRAFT 2023 FINANCIAL AUDIT; MICHAEL KEENAN, HOOD & ASSOCIATES

Michael Keenan presents the 2023 Draft Financial audit and answers questions from Board.

4. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF NEW POLICIES

Chief Cline presents 5 policies pertaining to : District property, high-visibility safety vests, apparatus vehicle backing, vehicle safety belts, and ground ladder testing.

First 4 are updated versions of existing policies.

Policies were reviewed by Attorney Carl Scarborough and through the labor management process

J. Ekis makes a motion to update all 5 policies presented. B. Laybourne seconded. Roll call vote: K. Wilson, yes. B. Laybourne, yes. C. Grindel, yes. J. Ekis, yes. Motion carried.

5. CONSIDER RESOLUTION TO SET COLLECTION RATES FOR TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PROJECTS

Chief Cline presents information. Chief Cline and Attorney Scarborough answer questions from the Board.

J. Ekis makes a motion to continue on the current position on setting the reimbursement rate at 100 percent of all applicable taxes for any TIF proposals. B. Laybourne seconded. Roll call vote: K. Wilson, yes. B. Laybourne, yes. C. Grindel, yes. J. Ekis, yes. Motion carried.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNED:

J. Ekis made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion was seconded by B. Laybourne. Roll call vote: B. Laybourne, yes; C. Grindel, yes; K. Wilson, yes; J. Ekis, yes. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully,

/s/ Liebe Stevenson

LIEBE STEVENSON, C.C.R #1340

The meeting minutes were written by Liebe Stevenson, under the authority of the Board of Directors. These minutes are not official until read, approved and signed by a member of the Board.

Ryan Larson, Secretary

Date