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BRIGHTON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – 11/3/22

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Garrett, Commissioners Metzger, Jeffries, Potter and Wright, Chief Hiller, Deputy Chief Peartree, District Director Aroesty, Treasurer Howk, Business Manager Fitch, Lieutenant Gulick and Firefighters Lacey and Dix.

CHAIRMAN GARRETT opened the Commission Meeting at 5:31 pm.

CHIEF HILLER stated that we have had approximately 2,129 calls year-to-date with nothing of significance since our last meeting. Chief Hiller mentioned that we had a near miss this morning from a fire standpoint.

Chief Hiller stated that he would be out of the District for VCOS from November 10 through 13 and Deputy Chief Peartree will be Acting Chief.

Chief Hiller stated as a reminder, career recruit firefighter Payne's graduation is November 11 and we also have several volunteers that are graduating from their class on November 30. Chief Hiller stated that we will be receiving invites for the graduation soon.

This is the end of Chief Hiller's report. Chief Hiller said he has one personnel item for Executive Session.

Chairman Garrett asked if anyone had any questions on the Chief's report. There were none.

Chairman Garrett said we will move on to the District Director's report.

DISTRICT DIRECTOR AROESTY stated that we have received our renewal for our Provident Accidental Death and Disability policy. This policy provides coverage for the career and volunteer firefighters that we have had in place for a number of years. If we commit to them for three years, we will get a 6.7% discount. With this renewal, Provident has enhanced some of their coverages and we are looking at \$16,742 per year for three years. District Director Aroesty stated he is looking for a motion to approve us entering into a three-year contract with Provident.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jeffries and seconded by Commissioner Wright to approve the renewal of Provident for three years and the motion was approved unanimously by all of the Commissioners.

District Director Aroesty is asking permission to switch our LOSAP program from Penflex to Firefly. District Director Aroesty stated that we have been with Penflex for over 20 years now and Penflex has gone through a number of changes. Two of the individuals that the District has worked with closely over the years left Penflex and started their own company called Firefly. District Director Aroesty reached out to Firefly for a cost comparison and Firefly is significantly less expensive than Penflex and they offer a couple of services that are included like mailing out year-end statements instead of us. District Director



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Aroesty stated this switch does not have anything to do with the management of the funds but strictly an administrative function. District Director Aroesty would like to recommend that we switch from Penflex to Firefly to handle the administrative function of our LOSAP program.

District Director Aroesty asked if there were any questions. There were none.

District Director Aroesty stated that we have a resolution which will need to be voted on to switch from Penflex to Firefly to handle the administrative function of our LOSAP program.

A motion was made by Commissioner Metzger and seconded by Commissioner Wright to switch from Penflex to Firefly to handle the administrative function of our LOSAP program and it was approved unanimously on a roll call vote.

On roll call, the following vote was recorded:

AYES:	Commissioners Garrett, Metzger, Potter, Jeffries and Wright
ABSTAINING:	None
ABSENT:	N/A

District Director Aroesty stated that a few months ago, he discussed the NYS Healthcare Worker's Bonus Program that New York State had passed. District Director Aroesty learned a couple days ago that the Firefighters Association of the State of New York had been successful in getting the program approved for our career firefighters to claim the healthcare worker's bonus. District Director Aroesty stated there are five or six different periods that we can file for and currently, we have filed for both periods currently eligible on behalf of our career firefighters and those applications are under review for approval by the State.

Chairman Garrett asked if this was just available to career firefighters? District Director Aroesty stated that by statute, it is only available to career firefighters and the volunteers are specifically excluded.

Commissioner Metzger asked District Director Aroesty if this was specifically hazard pay. District Director Aroesty replied yes.

Commissioner Metzger asked District Director if the State would write us a check and then we will distribute it? District Director Aroesty responded yes. District Director Aroesty stated that it is New York State tax free and they will reimburse us for any payroll taxes we incur.

District Director Aroesty stated for the minutes, the 2022 cancer roster for the enhanced cancer coverage that is statutorily required in the State of New York, has been filed with New York State and with our insurance provider so we can get our quote for next year's coverage.



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District Director Aroesty stated that the Vector staffing software we are using for callbacks went live yesterday and we will see how that goes.

District Director Aroesty stated that the two new utility vehicles for the volunteer response program are in and they are going Tuesday to get marked up at Ewing Lettering & Graphics and then shortly after that they will be going to get upfitted.

District Director Aroesty stated we have been negotiating with Dish Network for several months now. District Director Aroesty stated that we do not have the final lease but expects it any day now. The terms are done and going through the final tweak with legal. Our attorney has approved everything. District Director Aroesty is asking for approval to execute the lease for the terms of \$1,700 a month with a 3% increase each year for five years with 4 additional options to renew it. It is about a 25-year lease. District Director Aroesty is looking for permission from the Commission to sign the lease when it comes in.

Chairman Garrett asked if any upgrades to the tower are their responsibility. District Director Aroesty answered yes, any upgrades are their responsibility. District Director Aroesty stated that interestingly T-Mobile, who is on our tower, is about to replace their equipment and they were going to have to do some upgrades on the tower. District Director Aroesty stated T-Mobile and Dish Network are coordinating together since they are upgrading at the same time so they are not overstepping each other. District Director stated that they are going to be getting a bunch of work done over the next couple of months.

Chairman Garrett asked if there were any further questions. There were none.

A motion was made by Commissioner Potter and seconded by Commissioner Wright to sign the lease with Dish Network and the motion was approved unanimously by all of the Commissioners.

This is the end of the District Director's report and he has one personnel item for Executive Session.

Chairman Garrett asked if anyone had any questions on the District Director's report. There were none.

Chairman Garrett asked if anyone had anything to report. There were none.

Chairman Garrett asked if the Commissioners had anything to report. There were none.

Chairman Garrett stated that our next commission meeting is Tuesday, November 15 at 5:30 pm, December 1 at 5:30 pm, December 13 which is our Commission Election at 5:30 pm, December 29 at 5:00 pm to pay the bills and our organizational meeting is Thursday, January 5, 2023.

Chairman Garrett said we will move on to the Treasurer's report.



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TREASURER HOWK requested permission to pay the invoices as audited. The abstracts and fund balance reports are available for review. Since the last Commission Meeting, we have spent \$204,061.30.

A listing with all of the vouchers and amounts is attached inside the folder with the vouchers and Treasurer Howk is requesting that each Commissioner initial that sheet after you have reviewed it.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wright and seconded by Commissioner Potter to pay the bills as audited and the motion was approved unanimously by all of the Commissioners.

Treasurer Howk has nothing further to report.

Chairman Garrett said we will move on to the Business Manager's report.

BUSINESS MANAGER FITCH is requesting approval of the October 18, 2022 minutes as submitted. A motion was made by Commission Potter and seconded by Commissioner Wright to approve the minutes as submitted and the motion was approved unanimously by all of the commissioners.

Business Manager Fitch had nothing further to report.

Chairman Garrett asked if anyone had anything additional for the regular portion of the meeting. There were none. Since there was nothing else, he asked for a motion to adjourn.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jeffries and seconded by Commissioner Potter to go into Executive Session at 5:41 pm to discuss two personnel items.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jeffries and seconded by Commissioner Potter to come out of Executive Session at 6:04 pm, where no action was taken.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jeffries and seconded by Commissioner Potter to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Fitch
Business Manager/ (Acting Secretary)