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BRIGHTON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – 11/15/22

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Garrett, Commissioners Metzger, Potter and Wright, Chief Hiller, Deputy Chief Peartree, District Director Aroesty, Treasurer Howk, Business Manager Fitch, Captain Meagher, Lieutenant Gulick, Firefighter Dix and citizen Marc Strazdins. Absent: Commissioner Jeffries.

CHAIRMAN GARRETT opened the Commission Meeting at 5:32 pm.

CHIEF HILLER stated that we have had approximately 2,246 calls year-to-date with nothing of significance since our last meeting.

Chief Hiller thanked the District for sending him to VCOS this past week. The opportunity to be together with our members to work on issues and discuss ideas is invaluable. Chief Hiller stated that the Commission has received letters from President Denis Jeffries and Lieutenant Cline thanking the District as well. Chief Hiller stated it was a great conference and he was able to meet with other officers and chiefs from around the Country to brainstorm a few ideas.

Chief Hiller stated career probationary firefighter Payne graduated from the academy and is on straight days for further training. Upon completion of his training, career probationary firefighter Payne will be assigned to Group 4.

Chief Hiller stated on Thursday, November 3, 2022, the District received an undated anonymous complaint regarding a potential violation of District's policies. On Friday, November 4, the District retained an outside investigator to review the allegations of the Complaint, conduct interviews and provide the District a report on the findings. On Tuesday, November 10, 2022, the District's investigator concluded the investigation and submitted a report to the District in which the investigator found the allegations in the Complaint to be unsubstantiated. The District's personnel committee has reviewed the investigator's findings and concurred with the conclusion that the Complaint is unsubstantiated, and as a result the District's investigation is concluded and the matter is closed.

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

Chairman Garrett stated so that everyone understands, the Complaint was undated, and unsigned so the only way of responding to the alleged Complaint is to put this in the Commission Meeting Minutes.

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 as part of our partnership with Greenlight to bring service into Station 3, Greenlight needs to obtain an easement from us to run a conduit up the northside of



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the property. District Director Aroesty is asking permission from the Commission to enter into an agreement with Greenlight to provide an easement to them that would last for the life of the time they need to utilize that easement to run the conduit up the northside of the property.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wright and seconded by Commissioner Potter to enter into an agreement with Greenlight to provide the easement for the conduit and the motion was approved unanimously by all of the Commissioners.

District Director Aroesty stated that we received a deposit for Quint 300 from Command Fire Apparatus and we expect to receive the remainder of the funds upon delivery of Quint 300 within the next 2 weeks.

District Director Aroesty stated at the Fire Advisory Board last evening it was mentioned that NYS DOT is down about 50% of their drivers. District Director Aroesty said that we can expect if we get a one-inch per hour snowfall, the State DOT's time will be doubled for them to do the normal plowing runs. If we get two inches plus snow in an hour, it will take the State DOT three to four times as long to do the plowing runs. The County is expecting that we will see more snow emergencies and they will be closing all of the roads because there is no way the State DOT is going to be able to keep up.

This is the end of the District Director's report and he has nothing 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.

CAPTAIN MEAGHER thanked the District for the ability to attend VCOS last weekend. Captain Meagher attended a lot of great trainings that were greatly beneficial. Captain Meagher thanked the District for supporting his training.

Chairman Garrett thanked Captain Meagher for taking the time and effort to attend VCOS.

Chairman Garrett asked if the Commissioners had anything to report.

COMMISSIONER METZGER also thanked the District for sending him to VCOS as well. Commissioner Metzger stated that he had a great recruitment day there working with recruiters from very large departments. As a lot of people know, the Counties in Maryland are large combination fire departments.



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We met with the Chief Donna Black she has 1000 paid firefighters and 600 volunteers that she commands. We also had an opportunity to meet with the President of the International Association of Fire Chiefs. Chief Black and I talked to her about recruitment and some interesting things they are doing from the IFC version. It was really great to be there and hopefully we can bring things back here to help us continue with our recruitment efforts.

Commission Metzger stated we are having our second DEI committee meeting tonight after our Commission Meeting at 7 pm.

Chairman Garrett wanted to reiterate on the Chief's comments that he received a long email from President Jeffries thanking the District and expressing how valuable that he thought it was with everyone there and what they got out of it. Chairman Garrett also heard other positive comments from other people that were there as well.

Chairman Garrett stated that our next commission meeting is Thursday, December 1 at 5:30 pm, Tuesday, 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 at 5:30 pm and Tuesday, January 17 at 5:30 pm.

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

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 \$185,932.70.

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 Potter and seconded by Commissioner Metzger 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.



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BUSINESS MANAGER FITCH is requesting approval of the November 3, 2022 minutes as submitted. A motion was made by Commissioner Wright and seconded by Commissioner Potter to approve the minutes as submitted and the motion was approved unanimously by all of the commissioners.

Business Manager stated that she had been notified by the Department that McKenzie Buchta has been approved as a member.

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 Potter and seconded by Commissioner Wright to go into Executive Session at 5:40 pm to discuss one personnel item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Metzger and seconded by Commissioner Potter to come out of Executive Session at 5:53 pm, where no action was taken.

A motion was made by Commissioner Metzger and seconded by Commissioner Potter to adjourn the meeting at 5:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Fitch
Business Manager/ (Acting Secretary)