

HOLIDAY SHORES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

April 18, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes of Regular Meeting of District Trustees

Meeting called to order by President Henke at 7:30 p.m.

Trustees Henke and Wilkens were in attendance.

Chief O'Brien, Asst. Chief Opel, Firefighters Henke and Wilson were also in attendance.

Minutes for the March Regular Meeting were approved as emailed to the Trustees.

Correspondence: None

Treasurer's Report as of April 18, 2023 was given and approved.

Monthly Income	\$ 4,096.39
Monthly Expenses	14,326.84

Account Balance:

Checking Account	123,627.77
Money Market	134,090.28

Total Funds	\$257,718.05
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Loan #1	237,836.72
Loan #2	116,081.65

OLD BUSINESS:

3361 and 3391 Proposal – Had a showing tonight for Coffeen Fire Protection District and five additional departments have shown interest. Asking \$50,000.

Update on Auxiliary Members – There were five new auxiliary members that showed up on the first night. They showed great interest in the department and the community. Discussion ensued regarding Workers' Comp, training and other miscellaneous items. Everything was in order and there were no objections from the Trustees to proceed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief O'Brien presented a proposed budget for fiscal year 2023-2024. He also provided recommendations for year-end budget adjustments and projects and equipment purchase for next fiscal year. Discussion ensued.

VOLUNTEER'S REPORT:

We currently have 21 active members and 5 probationary auxiliary candidates. Member/Candidate engagement is going good as a whole, and morale is positive.

Last month, the Membership approved auxiliary members to join HSFD (6 month probationary period).

Getting ready for May's Fish Fry. Talking about donations for FF Harris and FF French recoveries from profits.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Calls: Overall call participation is average, thin during the day, and we've been running at an above average rate lately, currently at 76 calls for the calendar year.

Equipment Updates: We have been evaluating battery powered extrication gear and have narrowed the choices to either Amkus or Genesis. More to come on our decision as we finish our evaluation process.

AMA Call Response: Recent service continues to degrade and I believe we are on the cusp of, if not in the middle of, a crisis. We have not had a call recently where we did not get support, but over the past few days there have been several instances of surrounding departments not getting an ambulance for well over 15, 20, and 30 minutes. I did meet with Ken Balsters to discuss the possibility of funding and starting an ambulance service and what our legal course of action would be, further discussion to ensue.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

TRUSTEE COMMENT: None

No further business was discussed or brought up; meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted by
Nick Wilkens, HSFPD Secretary/Treasurer