

Oceanside Fire District  
Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order on January 9, 2024 at 19:30.

Presiding: Chairman Vincent Staffa  
In Attendance: Commissioner Charles Fortin  
Commissioner Michael Graham  
Commissioner Biagio Rosano  
Commissioner Patrick Madden  
District Manager John Lund III  
District Secretary Tricia Schields  
District Treasurer Kevin Grasing  
Deputy Treasurer Patrick Cunningham  
Attorney Anthony Iovino  
Chief Michael Gress  
1<sup>st</sup> Asst Chief Sean Costigan  
2<sup>nd</sup> Asst Chief Sean Lynch  
3<sup>rd</sup> Asst Chief Kevin Klein

**A motion was made by Commissioner Rosano, seconded by Commissioner Fortin, to approve the last meeting's minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT**

**BID OPENING** – None / **COUNCIL** – None / **NEW MEMBER** – None

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS -**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Rosano, to approve the 2024 Rules and Regulations for the Department as submitted by Chief Gress. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Madden, seconded by Commissioner Rosano, to approve the 2024 Annual Training Requirements as submitted by Chief Gress. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Rosano, to approve the contract for apparatus weighing for 2024 from Waterway at a cost of \$1,160.00. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Rosano, seconded by Commissioner Madden, to approve taking Tower Ladder 244 to the Annual Long Beach Polar Bear Plunge on February 11, 2024, from 12pm-3pm. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Madden, seconded by Commissioner Fortin, to approve a digital calendar and a new Bearcat scanner for the Chiefs Office. Price for both will be under \$500.00 and the installations will be done by District Employees. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Fortin, seconded by Commissioner Rosano, to approve the District purchase a table of 10 for the "Start the Year Dinner" hosted by Oceanside Community Service on January 25, 2024 the cost is \$65.00 per person. All in favor. Motion carried.**

## **DEPARTMENT-**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Madden, to approve PFM Tayra Sanchez maternity leave effective August 4, 2023. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Madden, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to approve both Vans be used by the Ceremonial Unit for the Installation Dinner and also food for the standby units at HQs on Saturday February 3, 2024. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Madden, to table the request for the District to look into Red HALO 360 Nomex Blend Particulate Hoods for Hose Co. members to purchase and wear for alarms for further information. All in favor. Motion carried.**

- Chief Gress was sent a letter advising him of decisions affecting the Department from the last Board Meeting.
- See 8 Hall rentals approved by Chief all paperwork and dates are good.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Rosano, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to approve Eight Hall rentals approved by Chief all paperwork and dates are good. All in favor. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,  
John J. Lund III  
District Manager

## **FINANCIAL**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Rosano, seconded by Commissioner Fortin, to approve paying Requisition # 1 from The Land Tek Group in the amount of \$108,193.60 for the Mott Street Site Improvements. The request has been approved by H2M and all paperwork has been submitted. All in favor. Motion carried.**

- Attached are the updated 2023 Budget and current balances of all accounts. I will have the 2024 Budget populated in Quick Books for the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kevin Grasing  
Treasurer

## **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Progress

## **CHIEF'S REPORT**

Thank you for the dinner after the Organizational Meeting.

## **DEPARTMENT OFFICERS**

Lt. Regan thanked the District for the Hurst Tools and SCBA's  
EMS Administrators thanked the District for their support.

## **COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS**

Great job on all the alarms, especially the Christmas Eve Fire.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Madden, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to approve the quarterly payment of \$500 to the EMS Squad for room maintenance. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Commissioner Fortin, seconded by Commissioner Rosano, to pay all bills. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Motion made at 19:40 by Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Rosano, to go into Executive Session. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Motion made at 20:05 by Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Madden, to exit Executive Session and re-open the public portion of the meeting.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Rosano, seconded by Commissioner Fortin, to approve the new Public Comment Policy. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Madden seconded by Commissioner Rosano, to approve updating the South Nassau/Mount Sinai policy to now run from 0600 – 2300 with Brian Williamson to be given the designation of SN #5. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Rosano, to approve the stripe on 246. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Motion made at 20:15 by Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Rosano, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.**

Meeting Adjourned at  
Submitted by,  
Tricia Schields  
District Secretary