



Tallahassee Fire Protection District Minutes of the Board of Directors Special Meeting July 29, 2021

Scott Fullerton called the Special Meeting to order at 7:03 p.m., on July 29, 2021.

Directors Present: Scott Fullerton, Brad Nelson, Christopher Parker, Cynthia Boyle, Harvey Ammel (All by teleconference. A quorum is present.)

Directors Absent: None

Firefighters/Volunteers Present: Chief Mark Norris (By teleconference)

Public Present: None

Purpose of Special Meeting: Held by conference call for the purpose of obtaining an insurance analysis update and to discuss Recognition Plaque open issues.

PUBLIC INPUT:

No members of the public were present by teleconference call.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion: It was moved by Scott Fullerton and seconded by Brad Nelson that the TFPD Board President and Treasurer investigate whether gaps exist in our liability insurance protection for EMS responses and, if gaps are identified, the Board authorizes them to arrange coverage and pay associated premiums. In either case, they are to report their findings and actions to the Board at the Regular Meeting on August 9, 2021.

Scott stated that Chief Norris was at a recent meeting where the requirement for additional coverage for EMS personnel was discussed – with the scenario being an EMS responder inadvertently or intentionally does not follow a protocol that could bring on liability. The assumption was that the entities covered under the CSD Pool may already have this protection. Scott could find no reference of this in our policy and has reached out to our legal counsel and the CSD Pool to find out whether a gap exists. If it does, we do not want to wait until the next Board Meeting to put it into place. Scott and Chris are seeking approval to get this coverage in place immediately if it is determined that a gap does exist.

A voice roll call vote was taken. The Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Harvey gave an update on the status of the Recognition Plaque. He recommended 15 nominees. A discussion among the Board members ensued.

Cindy asked Chief Norris if he intended to follow through with a Fire Chief and Firefighter of the Year Plaque which was first brought up several months ago. Chief Norris responded in the affirmative and stated he would like to begin the research needed to find the appropriate names.

The Board members agreed. This will take several months of research so this plaque will not be ready for the Open House. However, an announcement will be made at the Open House of the Board's intention to have such a plaque. Therefore, this plaque will be the "honor of recognition" for TFPD Fire Chiefs and Firefighters of the Year. These names will not appear on the Recognition Plaque currently under consideration.

Further discussion allowed the Board members to come to an agreement of the names of the honorees that will be added to the Recognition Plaque. Scott stated that we should mention at the Open House that these names are just a starting point, names that will be easily recognizable by our property owners, and property owners will be encouraged to complete a Recognition Nominee Form for those names they would like to see added. Harvey to distribute the final listing of names to the Board and the intent is to ratify this list of names at the August 9 Board Meeting.

Cindy brought up the wording for the plaque header. She suggested a change to "In Recognition of **Outstanding** Service" which the Board members unanimously agreed to.

Scott recommended that the first name shown on the plaque should be that of Ida Zanmiller as she was the inspiration for this project. The Board agreed.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

It was moved by Scott Fullerton and seconded by Harvey Ammel to adjourn the Special Meeting at 7:36 p.m. The Motion was voted upon and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Cynthia M. Boyle, Secretary to the Board.