

**OSAGE BEACH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**November 21, 2023**

Present: Director Tony Cicerelli, Director Kevin McRoberts, Director Robert Currier

Also Present: Fire Chief Berardi, Attorney Aaron Ellsworth, Assistant Chief Stafford, Fire Marshal Nicholson, Deputy Chief Oakes, Board Secretary Miranda Wimberley

Director Cicerelli called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**Public Comment:**

None.

**Consent Agenda:**

Director McRoberts made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Director Currier seconded the motion, all in favor. Approved. Motion passed.

**New Business:**

Fire Chief Berardi presented request to purchase Ford Explorer XLT per quote provided to replace Fire Chief's Dodge Charger and the Charger shall replace the 2011 Ford Escape currently assigned to the inspector. Director McRoberts made a motion to approve the purchase of the Ford Explorer XLT to replace the Fire Chief's Dodge Charger. Director Currier seconded the motion, all in favor. Approved. Motion passed.

Fire Chief Berardi presented request to purchase Ford Explorer XLT per quote provided to replace Assistant Fire Chief's Chevy truck, which will then replace the current utility vehicle (2008 Suburban). Director Currier made a motion to approve the purchase of the Ford Explorer XLT. Director McRoberts seconded the motion, all in favor. Approved. Motion passed.

Fire Chief Berardi requested the Board surplus the 2011 Ford Escape previously used by the inspector and the 2008 Chevrolet Suburban previously used as a utility vehicle. Director Currier made a motion to approve the surplus of the two vehicles. Director McRoberts seconded the motion, all in favor. Approved. Motion passed.

Fire Chief Berardi advised the Board that discussion regarding land search is to be held during closed session.

Fire Chief Berardi presented Lexipol's new flag policy for approval, which aligns with U.S. Flag Code. Director McRoberts made a motion to approve the new flag policy. Director Currier seconded the motion, all in favor. Approved. Motion passed.

Fire Chief Berardi presented the Board with the 2024 draft budget for the Board's review and input prior to approval and pointed out the changes from the 2023 to 2024 budgets. Informational only. Discussion was held regarding the 2024 draft budget. The Board scheduled a budget workshop to take place on December 5, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

**Reports:**

Assistant Chief Stafford's report was accepted as submitted.

Fire Marshal Nicholson's report was accepted as submitted.

Fire Chief Berardi advised the Board that the District's Christmas Party will be held on December 2, 2023, at the Inn at Grand Glaize. Social hour is to begin at 5:30 p.m., with dinner to begin at 6:00 p.m. He also advised the Board that December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, is the first day to sign up to get on the ballot for the upcoming election. Fire Chief Berardi also complimented all of the firefighters that responded to the fire at the independent living facility earlier in the month.

Board of Directors had nothing additional to report.

Roll call vote to adjourn to Executive Session at 4:48 p.m.: Director Cicerelli – yes; Director McRoberts – yes; Director Currier – yes.

General meeting reconvened at 5:19 p.m.

The Board announces approval of bonuses to all employees to equal \$500.00.

Documents for Board signature were presented and executed.

Director Cicerelli, Attorney Ellsworth and Board Secretary Wimberley withdraw from the meeting at 5:19 p.m. and Director McRoberts and Director Currier vote to go back into closed session. Fire Chief Berardi to prepare meeting minutes for closed session and keep confidential.

Next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors is December 19, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

Approved by:

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Prepared by: Miranda Wimberley