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September 19, 2024
North View Fire District Board Meeting Minutes

The North View Fire District Trustees convened in a Fire Board Meeting session on September 19, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., at the North View Fire Station. Notice of time, place, and agenda of the meeting was electronically mailed to each Trustee to the Utah Public Meeting Notice Site, Standard Examiner, and posted at the North View Fire Station on September 19, 2024. Notice of the 2023 annual meeting schedule was electronically mailed to the Utah Public Notice Website and to the Standard Examiner. Pursuant to the NVFD Electronic Meetings Policy adopted March 16, 2011, One (1) or more trustees may have participated electronically, and the NVFD Station 21 315 E. 2550 N. North Ogden, Utah is designated as the anchor location, where members of the public may monitor and when appropriate, participate in the meeting. After notifying the District Clerk, Trustees may have participated electronically by telephone, Skype, Face time, or any method that facilitates communication electronically.

Present:

Chairperson Timothy Wheelwright
Vice-Chairperson Jay Johnson
Trustee Cameron West
Trustee Chris Clark
Trustee Kristen Mechem
Trustee Meredith Aardema
Trustee John Arrington
Chief Kristopher Maxfield

Staff Present:

Deputy Chief/ Fire Marshal Ryan Barker
Deputy Chief Jeremiah Jones
Battalion Chief Tom Maples
Nicci Roylance/District Clerk (electronically)
Jeff Davis, Accountant
Leonard Call, Treasurer
Captain Matt Lee
Lt. Paramedic Sean Lowe

Public:

Courtney (electronically)

1. Opening Prayer, Reading or Expression of Thought, and the Pledge of Allegiance.
 Presenter: Trustee West
 - Chairperson Wheelwright welcomed everyone to the meeting at 5:04 p.m. Trustee West led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustee West asked for a moment of silence.
2. Consideration to approve the minutes for August 1, 2024, and August 15, 2024.
 Presenter: Chairperson Wheelwright
 - Motion: Trustee West and seconded by Trustee Aardema
 - Trustee Arrington abstained from the motion for the August 15th meeting. He was not present for that meeting.

Voting

Chairperson Wheelwright	aye
Vice-Chairperson Johnson	aye
Trustee Arrington	abstained
Trustee Clark	aye
Trustee West	aye
Trustee Mechem	aye
Trustee Aardema	aye

3. Consideration to approve the monthly financial transactions for July and August 2024.
 Presenter: Chairperson Wheelwright

- Jeff Davis discussed the transactions over the last two months. Deputy Chief Jones stated that the wire went through the ladder. Jeff Davis stated that the audit had started. Trustee Arrington had some questions regarding the payroll and a manual check to an employee. Jeff Davis stated it was a check, and we had to make an adjustment. Trustee Arrington asked about the bad debt paid to First Professional and the Utah Trust for a check for all our annual insurance for the year. Motion: Trustee Arrington Second: Vice-Chairperson Johnson

Voting

Chairperson Wheelwright	aye
Vice-Chairperson Johnson	aye
Trustee Arrington	aye
Trustee Clark	aye
Trustee West	aye
Trustee Mechem	aye
Trustee Aardema	aye

4. Public Comments. Presenter: Chairperson Wheelwright

- Chairperson Wheelwright welcomed Courtney, who was viewing electronically.

5. Discussion and/ or action to approve New Engine Contract. Presenter: Deputy Chief Jones, Deputy

- Chief Jones discussed the two different contracts and the difference in savings. If we paid some down when we purchased the chassis, we could save \$110,000.
- Discussion of the fleet plan: even though this is lined up with the third station, we will need this engine if we don't do the third station.
- Discussion of the NFPA recommendation that most engines should be put into a reserve at fifteen years. We have found that our engines have higher repair costs after twelve years. If we ordered it now, it would be done in 2028.
- A discussion was had about the PTIF account to help decide what contract to take due to the interest rates changing in the near future.
- We discussed different thoughts on what or how we should pay for the engine. The base price of the contract was also discussed.
- Discussion was held on the contract differences, including some discrepancies. Trustee West asked if they should table the discussion to
- Motion: Trustee West to table discussion till the next board meeting in October. Second: Trustee Mechem

Voting

Chairperson Wheelwright	aye
Vice-Chairperson Johnson	aye
Trustee Arrington	aye
Trustee Clark	aye
Trustee West	aye
Trustee Mechem	aye
Trustee Aardema	aye

6. Administration Report- Presenter: Chief Maxfield Chief Maxfield gave an update on Social Security, and we are submitting the W2-C to the IRS.

- Chief Maxfield and Jeff Davis discussed the protocol and exactly how the process will happen in the next year.
- Chief Maxfield discussed using the ISpy app and said we need to remind people of the privacy issues and cut everyone on the Board who has used it in the past.
- Deputy Chief Jones gave an update on the Ladder truck and was given many compliments on a good find for the price.

- Deputy Chief Jones stated that we are waiting on graphics and other items that need to be done.
- Deputy Chief Jones stated that we hope for a push-in ceremony for the next Board meeting. He wanted to recognize Captain Matt Lee for all his work on the engine specs that were discussed previously in the meeting.
- Deputy Chief Barker talked about plan fees, and we set it up through QuickBooks, and it is working great.
- Battalion Chief Maples mentioned that each crew is training for about two hours a week, and it is going great and is fun.
- Chief Maxfield stated that he had just got back from NFA.
- Chief Maxfield stated that we lost one firefighter who is moving on to a nursing job.
- Chief Maxfield stated that we had fourteen applicants for hiring his replacement.

7. Chairperson's Report- Presenter: Chairperson Wheelwright stated he had nothing.

8. Other and/or Identify matters for future consideration and action. Presenter: Chairperson Wheelwright

9. Closed Executive Session to discuss the Paramedic Program. Presenter: Chief Maxfield
Chairperson Wheelwright chose not to go into the Closed Executive Session.

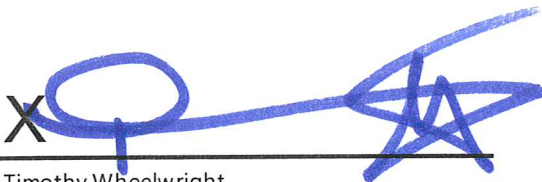
- Chief Maxfield stated that if we go on a 911 call, we cannot be paramedics, but we can perform ALS and BLS inter-facility transfers as paramedics.
- Chief Maxfield gave the presentation to the mayors and county commissioners.
- Chief Maxfield also sent our paramedic licensure application to the county's three chiefs who have paramedics in good faith of transparency.
- Discussion was had on the different options within the presentation for going forth with the paramedic program.
- Chief Maxfield recommended hiring three AEMT firefighters on July 25 and three more in January 2026 to get us back to minimum staffing.
- Chief Maxfield presented the timeline for option three to take place. Chief Maxfield asked the board if he should keep going with the talks.
- Trustee Arrington asked if we are involved in the county and if we would respond to other automatic aid in different areas.
- We discussed what being included in the county program would look like for our paramedics, the money involved, and the resources it would give our community and the county.
- Chairperson Wheelwright stated that they need to look at the cost of those new hires.
- Discussion was had on the money and the different options.
- Chief Maxfield recommended that we move on with hiring three paramedics and getting it posted tomorrow. Many of the Trustees agreed with that.
- Trustee Arrington asked if we are funding the paramedics going to school. Deputy Chief Jones stated that we have a contract with them to attend school.

- Courtney, who was attending electronically, asked about compassion fatigue. Chief Maxfield discussed how we help our EMTs able to have? Courtney asked about resources that they can use for suicide or mental health. Chief Maxfield stated that our health insurance has an EAP we can use for therapy. Courtney asked about the word inclusion and what that was about. Chief Maxfield stated that it was regarding the county's paramedic program to be included in it. Courtney asked if we had any resources available to our employees for domestic abuse, and Chief Maxfield stated that, at this time, we did not. Courtney expressed her thanks for answering her questions. Trustee Arrington thanked her for participating in our meeting.

10. Adjournment Motion Trustee Clark at 7:00 p.m. Second: Trustee Arrington

Voting

Chairperson Wheelwright	aye
Vice-Chairperson Johnson	aye
Trustee Arrington	aye
Trustee Clark	aye
Trustee West	aye
Trustee Mechem	aye
Trustee Aardema	aye

X 

Timothy Wheelwright
Chairperson

X 

Nicci Roylance
District Clerk

These minutes were approved on October 24, 24.