



St. Tammany Fire District 12

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES JUNE 1, 2016

CALL TO ORDER:

4:10PM.

INVOCATION:

The meeting opened with an invocation by Commissioner Mitternacht, followed by the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners in attendance: Chairman Susan Strain, Vice-Chairman Steve Swanton, Secretary Sonny Schwing, Treasurer Ron Garrity and Commissioner Joe Mitternacht.

A quorum was present.

Administrative Staff also in attendance: Fire Chief Stephen Krentel, Chief of Operations Mike Haley, Accounting Supervisor Sarah Modisett, and District Chief Kevin Adams.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Chairman Strain asked if there were any revisions to the Agenda. There were none. A motion was made by Secretary Schwing to accept the Agenda as written. Commissioner Mitternacht seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Strain stated that today's Special Meeting was to consider the engagement of special counsel for Fire District 12. Chief Krentel stated that 2016 is a Reassessment Year and per law, all millages must be rolled back and then rolled forward if applicable. He and Chief Haley have met several times with Troy Dugas, the Chief Deputy Assessor at the St. Tammany Parish Assessor's Office. Mr. Dugas informed them that FD12's millages will be flat for 2017, with no more *ad valorem* monies coming to the District. In order for the District to roll its millages back up to the maximum amount allowed by law, the Board of Commissioners will need to hold a Special Meeting at the Parish Council chambers. Chief Krentel has reserved a meeting spot in the Council Chambers on July 19, 2016 at 6:00PM. Mr. Dugas recommended that the District retain special counsel to handle the millage issue.

Staff is requesting that the District engage Troy G. Ingram, J.D., a practicing attorney since April 1988 with extensive experience in Civil Service and other fire-related matters. He has represented Fire District 1 for more than ten years. If engaged, Mr. Ingram has agreed to represent the District in its millage-related issues at a rate of \$175.00 per hour (\$50.00 per hour less than the guidelines as established by the proper officials of the State of Louisiana). The general consensus of the Board of Commissioners is to move toward a millage roll forward, and to take a vote on this issue at the June 2016 Regular Board Meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Mitternight to engage Troy G. Ingram, J.D. as Special Counsel to represent Fire District 12 in its millage-related issues. Secretary Schwing seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The Commissioners were asked if they planned to roll up Fire District 12's millages to the maximum allowed by law. They replied yes.

ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitternight to adjourn the meeting. Secretary Schwing seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:23PM.

Minutes transcribed by Rebecca Dougherty

Approved:



Susan Strain, Chairman

6/16/16
Date