

**Liberty Volunteer Fire Department
Monthly Liberty Fire Board Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date and Time

Date of Meeting: March 4, 2024
Time of Meeting: 7:00 PM

Meeting Location

Location of Meeting: Liberty Fire Department
3278 US HWY 90
DeFuniak Springs, Florida 32433

Meeting Attendees

Present at Meeting: Mike Engel , Philip Canterbury , Randi Lightner , John Bottoms , Tony Roy

The regular meeting of the Liberty Fire Board of Liberty Volunteer Fire Department was called to order at 7:00 PM on March 4, 2024 at Liberty Fire Department by Mike Engel.

I. Approval of Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was distributed and unanimously approved.

II. Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved .

III. Consideration of Open Issues

1. Call To Order
Mike Engel
Call to order by Mike Engel at 7:00 pm. All board members and board attorney present.
2. Pledge Of Allegiance
Mike Engel
3. Invocation
Jefferson Sweet
4. Treasurer Report
Tony Roy
February 2024
County Fund Balance - \$95.67
Building Impact Fund Balance - \$6,524.99
\$18,057.13 spent in February in checks and debits. Bank withdrawals and service charges of \$5 for county account due to not meeting minimum balance requirement.
Deposits/Credits/Interest:
\$9,187.96 MSBU February Payments
Current Balance : \$55,922.19
Motion to approve treasurer report made by Randi Lightner. Second by Philip Canterbury. Motion passes unanimously.
5. FY2023 County Funds Update
Mike Engel
Approval will go before BCC on March 12, 2024. Change agreement to allow money to be applied to any payments made in 2023 fiscal year. Motion made by Tony Roy to empower Board Chairman to approve agreement with county subject to review by Board attorney. Second by Philip Canterbury. Motion passes unanimously.
6. SLERS
Mike Engel
Fire Chief John Dunham met with Lt Hall from WCSO seeking clarification. County is still unsure what type of radios will work with the new system.

IV. Consideration of New Business

1. Solar Farm
Mike Engel
\$50,000 from FPL intended to fight solar farm fires on county agenda March 12. Motion for Mike Engel to be present to speak on behalf of Liberty Fire District made by Tony Roy. Second by Philip Canterbury. Motion passes unanimously.
2. Safer Grant Update
Mike Engel
\$19,000 reimbursement funds approved. Direct deposit form needs to be updated to receive funds. Awaiting payment to be redirected to new account. Motion by Randi Lightner to allow up to half of Safer Grant deposit be immediately used to pay Volunteer Coordinator and Training Officer when received. Second by Philip Canterbury. Motion passes unanimously.
3. DOT . GOV Update
Philip Canterbury
Applied for on Feb 16 , 2024. Awaiting response.
4. Fire Chief Comments
John Dunham
225 calls this calendar year. Jefferson Sweet and Josh Dunham completed EVOC training.
5. Attorney Comments
Renee Youell
John Hinson called attorney and stated he was going to bring equipment to her office. He did not return items to attorney but did bring some items to fire station to include a pump and two chargers but no radios. Bunker gear also returned.
6. Public Comment
James Odom
Presented copy of approved budget with evidence it needs to be modified at this time.
7. Board Member Comments
Mike Engel
Philip Canterbury - suggests work group with Mr Coggins to go over payments and policies with board. Mike Engel suggests he be invited to a regular board meeting instead.

Tony Roy - Suggestions on how to spend FY2023 funds. Suggests paying workers comp and VIFS off for year, repair Engine 7 primer pump and replace tires , tires for Truck 7 , Tires for Squad 7. Pay remainder to principle on Pumper 7. Mr. Roy resigned from board effective immediately.
Randi Lightner - F/U on quickbooks. Accountant cannot assist with transition until after April 15. Suggests public workshop discussing equipment repairs/inventory/needs and financial direction . Attorney states that given the desired topics of discussion, this could violate Sunshine Law.

V. Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on April 1, 2024 at:
Liberty Fire Department
3278 US HWY 90
DeFuniak Springs, Florida
32433

The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 by Mike Engel'

Minutes submitted by: Randi Lightner

Minutes approved by Mike Engel

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April 1st 2024