

## 10-15-2024 SWFPD Meeting

**Call to Order:** 8:30 a.m.

**Roll Call:** President Striegler, Board Member Spitz, Vice President Heivly, Treasurer Boineau, Board Member Arthur, IT Director Johnson, Deputy Chief of Administration Issel, HR Director Thomas, Chief Thompson, Finance Director J Thompson, Fire Marshal Mele, Deputy Chief of Operations Cornelius, Secretary Diamond.

**Approval of minutes:** Vice President Heivly motioned to accept the September 17, 2024, Board minutes. Board Member Spitz seconded the motion. All Board Members favored accepting the minutes, and none opposed them.

**Chief Report:** Chief Thompson updated the Board that six members are in CMC officer development and paramedic education courses.

-Chief Thompson told the Board about a structure fire last week in which the smoke alarms were not working, and the elderly couple was lucky to escape.

**Finance Report:** Finance Director J Thompson reviewed with the Board the 2025 budget. Finance Director J Thompson said there was a one percent increase in assessed valuations, which was anticipated based on taking back the temporary tax credit to go back up to 6.601. Finance Director J Thompson told the Board that because the assessed valuations are so high, she dropped the Mill Levy for the bond, bringing in enough to pay the debt service. Finance Director J Thompson said the overall decrease is point nine from two years ago, and the overall mill has gone down in the last two years. Finance Director J Thompson said our attorney thinks all the legislation, except for the November election, will not affect the 2025 budget; it's for our 2026 budget. Chief Thompson told the Board that the only detrimental effect for us would be the assessed valuation of the declining commercial structure rate. Finance Director J Thompson said we will better understand the impact when we get the numbers in November, but she does not think it is enough to change the balance. Chief Thompson added that 2026 is going to be a reassessment year.

-Finance Director J Thompson reviewed the resolutions to be signed for December's board meeting.

-Finance Director J Thompson said that we took so much money in the debt service in 2024; the annual audit in March of 2025 will give us better budget numbers.

-Finance Director J Thompson said we will take the full mill again to cover projects and fund the capital program.

-Finance Director J Thompson told the Board the SWFPD pension transfer is done annually. Finance Director J Thompson said it's self-funded by SWFPD.

-Finance Director J Thompson told the Board we had a minor adjustment to the retirement plan Nancy Wall passed she was collecting half of Dick Walls pension. Finance Director J Thompson said Jim hooker passed, and his wife is now collecting half of his pension.

**Public Comments:** none

**Board Member Comments:** President Striegler needs the Board to appoint a new treasurer to the SWFPD Board. President Striegler said the treasurer's primary duties are to sign off on the budget and attend the budget committee meeting if there is one. Finance Director Thompson noted the budget was well received; we don't need a budget committee meeting this year. Discussion

**MOTION**—Vice President Heivly motioned to assign the treasurer position to Board Member Boineau. Board Member Arthur seconded the motion. All Board members were in favor, and none opposed it.

**Staff Comments:** none

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:** none

**Adjournment:** Treasurer Boineau motioned to end the meeting. Board Member Spitz seconded the motion, and the meeting ended at 8:42 with all in favor and none opposed.

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