

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THORNTON RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

MEETING DECEMBER 14, 2023

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Chief Alberto Garcia - Present  
Secretary Alix Strapp - Present  
District Secretary - Sharon Tucker - Excused Absence

Roll Call of Directors:

Jim Allan - Present  
William Stokes - Excused Absence  
Frank Yoka - Present  
Jose Torres - Present  
Vacancy

1) Guests Attending: Evan Stockdale, San Malachi, Mrs. Yoka, Bruno Mori.

1A) Public Discussion: Bruno asked what the rate of insurance was for the Department. Chief Garcia stated that the current rate is still 9%.

2) Communications Received: None

3) Reading of the Minutes: Minutes of the November 2023 meeting read. Motion made to accept by Director Stokes and 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Director Torres, so carried.

4) Financial report & bill log: Financials and bill log were prepared. A Motion was made to accept by Director Yoka and 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Director Torres. Chairman Allan asked that in future minutes financials and bills be referred to as "Review of Bills".

5) Committee Meeting: Committee Meetings: Jim Allan stated him and the Chief went to the registrar of voters and had a meeting with them. They had just put together what Jim needed. A tax increase measure can come up one of two ways: from a petition of the people or it can come from the agency through a resolution. They have language for the resolution already because they have a copy of Woodbridge's. The information they are asking for from the registrar is the information of what the tax fund numbers are and how it will increase over time. Jim put a call into the attorney. It cost 68\$ to get the voting history. Jim knows they got the request because they cashed his check. He made the purchase for this info as a donation. He stated they will get a usb drive with the info. Jim is hoping they can look at what Woodbridge had and follow their model. They are hoping to do a 20% increase and make it over a 5

year increase. Thornton will need to have a committee of community members that reviews what the department would do with the money each year. He would also like to have a non-voting member who helps over see as well. There will be more to come. Frank asked how soon till it has to be finalized. Jim stated the registrar of voters does not have a timeline for them yet. He said Thornton is the first district to ask for help. There is a lot more registered voters in Thornton than there used to be. It will have to be a majority of the board to vote and pass the resolution.

6) Fire Fighters Association report: Held their annual vote for officers. San Malachi is president, Danny Caamal is Lieutenant, Firefighter Bolan treasurer and Lieutenant Galvan is secretary. This weekend event is Coffee with a Cop. It will be a good time to discuss concerns with the fire department and the Sheriff office. They will also be participating in the parade.

7) Old Business: None

8) New Business: None

9) Chief's Report: Chief Garcia gave out his written report and went Over the report.

10) Open Discussion: None

11) Closed Session: None

12) Adjourn Meeting: - Motion made to adjourn meeting by Director Yoka and 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Director Torres, so carried - meeting adjourned at 7:09pm

Respectfully Transcribed & Submitted by:  
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