

**SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HOLIDAY ISLAND SUBURBAN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (HISID)
MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2023**

The Regular Meeting was held at the District Office and via YouTube. The meeting was called to order by **CHAIR PHYLLIS SARRATT** at 9:00 a.m. She read the purpose and procedures to the public for the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: COMMISSIONER SARRATT, COMMISSIONER BROWN, COMMISSIONER CHILDERS, COMMISSIONER DYAR, and COMMISSIONER STAMPS present. CHAIR SARRATT declared a quorum.

APPROVE AGENDA: COMMISSIONER BROWN moved to accept the agenda and seconded by COMMISSIONER DYAR. Agenda was approved unanimously.

APPROVE MINUTES: None

CEREMONIAL: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: COMMISSIONER BROWN announced HIHA was having its Road Cleanup on April 14. More volunteers are needed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- 1) Jeffrey Higgins, 65 Bobwhite Lane, being new to Holiday Island, wants to learn more about the County, municipality, and suburban improvement district.
- 2) Rebecca Sherman, 7 Wild Turkey Drive, had a question about paying off an account and noted that she (The Creekside News Journal) received the notification for the Special Meeting.

REPORTS: None

BUSINESS:

A) Old Business: None

B) New Business:

- 1) **Consideration/Action to Purchase a 2007 Typhoon E-One Fire Truck in the amount of \$119,000 from Bradford Fire Apparatus.**

COMMISSIONER BROWN moved to approve the purchase with **COMMISSIONER CHILDERS** seconding the motion. **DISTRICT MANAGER PRESLEY** explained the history and need for an additional truck to replace an old truck out of service. He thanked Chief Ates for doing the research on the company's reputation, what type of warranty, and service after the sale. Chief Ates thanked the commissioners for their support and reported on the ISO rating that grades fire departments. This report indicated we have to replace at least two fire trucks and have no backup truck. The cost of a

new truck exceeds \$500,000.00 and the lead time is over three years out. He visited the dealer in Illinois along with another firefighter very mechanically inclined. The dealer is quite reputable, and they agreed to put a brand-new Cummins engine in at a value of \$30,000.00 with a one-year warranty. It will be available in about six weeks. It will be recertified after the new motor is installed. He listed the various features and is a wise investment. He said he needs to purchase miscellaneous equipment required to meet ISO standards. Discussed further was the activity of servicing Beaver, staffing of the department and the need for volunteers. He also discussed training, hours of staff, hiring more personnel, and the purchase of another truck. Building two-year, five-year, and 10-year plans for community fire service will be on the agenda for the fire department.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- 1) Jim Sadler, 8054 Hwy 23 North, is in favor of the purchase and bringing the fire department up to standards.
- 2) Rebecca Sherman, 7 Wild Turkey Drive, asked if the \$30,000.00 replacement motor is included in the \$119,000.00 purchase price. Chief Ates said yes.
- 3) Jeffrey Higgins, 65 Bobwhite Lane, asked that our focus remain on the line-item analysis and asked for a transcript of the proceedings.

The motion passed unanimously. The Board approved the purchase of the fire apparatus.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: **COMMISSIONER BROWN** thanked Mr. Higgins for his comment to stick to the agenda. **COMMISSIONER STAMPS** repeated his belief that infrastructure should be a priority. **COMMISSIONER SARRATT** explained that District Manager Presley always has all these issues on his desk. Updating our Fire Department is necessary. **COMMISSIONER BROWN** discussed the contracts being considered for replacing the PRVs.

AGENDA SCHEDULING:

Monday, March 27, 2023, the Regular Meeting at 9:00 a.m. is canceled and notice will be sent out.

ADJOURNMENT: **COMMISSIONER CHILDERS** moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by **COMMISSIONER DYAR**, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Larry Stamps, Secretary, Holiday Island Board of Commissioners