

BLUE HILLS FIRE DISTRICT

ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING OF LEGAL VOTERS

THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2017

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The annual meeting of legal voters was called to order by Chairman Tanya Farmer at 7:00 pm and a moment of silence was observed.

PRESENT: Present at the meeting was Chief Robert Farmer, Chairman Tanya Farmer, Commissioner Jerry Hughes, Commissioner Ariel Marzouca-Jaunai, Treasurer Errol Bartley, District Clerk Valda Thompson, Attorney Carl Landolina and over 113 legal voters.

READING OF LEGAL NOTICE: A reading of the legal notice was conducted by District Clerk Valda Thompson and a motion was made to accept the notice as read. The motion was seconded and passed.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF MODERATOR: A motion was made by Barbara Taylor to nominated Kenneth McClary for Moderator. The motion was seconded by Vincent Jaunai. There were no other nominations. Nominations were closed. A voice vote was taken and Kenneth McClary was elected as Moderator for the 2017 Annual Meeting. The Moderator Kenneth McClary asked for a motion to amend the agenda to move #8 before #6 and to move #10 Before #9. The motion was seconded by Barbara Bagnall and carried.

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES: Jacqueline Massey-Greene, stated she will like to see the District work in a positive directions. Barbara Bagnall stated she was a former Commissioner for 12 years. Commissioner Jerry Hughes had no comment, and Marcus Stone had no comment.

CANDIDATE QUESTIONS AND ANSWER: None

ELECTION OF FIRE COMMISSIONER: Commissioner Jerry Hughes, Jacqueline Massey Greene, Marcus Stone and Barbara Bagnall ran for election of Fire Commissioner for a 3 year term. A ballot vote was conducted, and all legal voters of the Blue Hills Fire District present were allotted the opportunity to place a vote.

RECESS: Attorney Mark Landolina and Moderator Kenneth McClary counted the ballots for Elected Commissioner of the Blue Hills Fire District.

At final tally, Jacqueline Massey Green was elected as Commissioner of the Blue Hills Fire District for a three year term by a vote total of 65 ballots. Term to start July 1, 2017. Marcus Stone tallied 21 votes. Barbara Bagnall tallied 19 votes. Commissioner Jerry Hughes tallied 3 votes.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF TREASURER: Joan Gamble nominated Nicole Hughes as Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Norma Hughes. Barbara Bagnall nominated Errol Bartley for re-election as Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Tavar Telfer. There was only 1 nomination. Nominations were closed. Joe Suggs made a motion to Table the election of Treasurer for a later discussion. Attorney Mark Landolina stated Errol Bartley does not live in the District therefore is ineligible to continue to be Treasurer. No action was taken on neither election and therefore was decided to a Table of discussion.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF CLERK: Commissioner Jerry Hughes nominated Valda Thompson for re-election as District Clerk. The motion was seconded by Barbara Taylor. There were no other nominations. Nominations were closed. A voice vote was taken and Valda Thompson was re-elected as District Clerk for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

TO ADOPT A BUDGET AND LAY THE TAX FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2017 – 2018: Treasurer Bartley summarized the budget for the legal voters. A motion was made to adopt the budget by Barbara Taylor. The motion was seconded by Milton Salmon and the motion carried by voice votes. Opposed by Barbara Bagnall and extension by Mayor Joan Gamble

TO SET THE TAX MILL RATE AND DUE DATE: Kenneth McClary asked for a motion to set the Tax Mill Rate at .0025 mills. A motion was made by Ann Wahl to set the Tax Mill Rate at .0025 Mills. The motion was seconded by Robert Farmer and carried by voice vote.

TO AUTHORIZE INTER – FUND TRANSFER: A motion was made to authorize inter-fund transfer by Joan Gamble. The motion was seconded by Jacqueline Massey Greene and carried by voice vote.

TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS TO BORROW MONEY TO MEET CURRENT EXPENSES: Robert Farmer made a motion to allow the Board of Commissioners to borrow money to meet the current expenses. The motion was seconded by Tanya Farmer and carried by voice vote.

TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS TO APPOINT AN AUDITOR AND TAX COLLECTOR FOR THE 2017 – 2018 FISCAL YEAR: Robert Farmer made a motion to appoint Courtney, Fink and Forbes as tax collector and Auditor for the fiscal year 2017-2018. The Motion was seconded by Barbara Bagnall and carried by voice vote.

TO TRANSACT ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THIS MEETING: none

CITIZEN STATEMENT/COMMENTS: The Moderator Kenneth McClary stated that the floor was opened to any citizen's comments. Ann Wahl made a statement regarding the budget line 5140 regarding the grounds at Station 3. Barbara Bagnall wanted to understand the volunteer points and the paid salary employees financial status Has the position of Assistant Chief been filled. Joan Gamble stated that she believes that the budget should more clearly reflect what the Commissioners receive in stipends.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Jerry Hughes at 8:45 p.m. The motion was seconded by Ariel Marzouca-Jaunai carried by voice vote.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 7, 2017