

**MINUTES
TAYLORS FIRE & SEWER DISTRICT
REGULAR BI-MONTHLY MEETING
MARCH 9, 2021**

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at the District Office in the Board Room, 3335 Wade Hampton Blvd., Taylors, South Carolina at 4:30 pm.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mark A. J. Rea Jr., Commission Chairman
Jeff Hannah, Commission Vice Chairman/Secretary
Paul Bowen, Commission Treasurer

STAFF PRESENT

Bobby Baker, Fire Chief
Stephanie Hackler, Senior Accounting & HR Specialist
Gary Cantrell, Operations Supervisor

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jaime Daniel, Christine Gantt-Sorenson (Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd)

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rea at 4:31 pm. Chairman Rea led everyone in saying the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Rea stated that the media outlets who requested notification of this bi-monthly meeting were notified via door posting, email, website, Facebook, and Twitter.

Vice Chairman/Secretary Hannah made a motion to go into executive session as per SC Code of Law Sections 30-4-70(a)(1) for discussion of employment, position requirements, and compensation of employees and Commissioners and to receive legal advice where the legal advice relates to matters covered by the attorney-client privilege related to all items above and other matters. Chairman Rea seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The Board entered executive session at 4:33 pm.

Treasurer Bowen arrived at the meeting at 4:56 pm.

An executive session recess occurred at 7:04 pm. The recess ended and executive session resumed at 7:45 pm.

Treasurer Bowen made a motion to exit executive session. Vice Chairman/Secretary Hannah seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The Board exited executive session at 9:47 pm. No action was taken during executive session.

Chairman Rea suspended the rules to accept the approval of the minutes, the Fire and Sewer Department Reports, and the Financial Report as presented.

There was no old business to report.

Vice Chairman/Secretary Hannah made a motion to direct the Department Heads to engage SLS Consulting for HR Consulting Services as they see fit. Treasurer Bowen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

After reviewing further legal advice regarding the proposed return to service retirement policy, Vice Chairman/Secretary Hannah made a motion to withdraw the proposal in total. Vice Chairman/Secretary Hannah further moved to direct Chief Baker to update those who drafted the proposal regarding the Board's decision and to field any questions thereof. Treasurer Bowen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

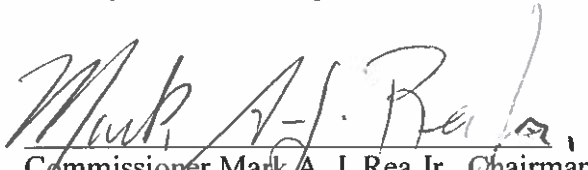
Chairman Rea made a motion to direct Commissioner Bowen, with the assistance of the Department Heads and HR, to handle the personnel issues discussed in executive session. Vice Chairman/Secretary Hannah seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

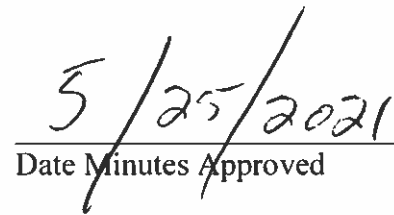
Chairman Rea made a motion that due to the pandemic taking place and its negative effect on everything and everyone, the Board will suspend the deadline requirements for EMT until July 1, 2022 while the Board reevaluates the policy timelines, as well as any penalties. This will also include outside training. Treasurer Bowen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

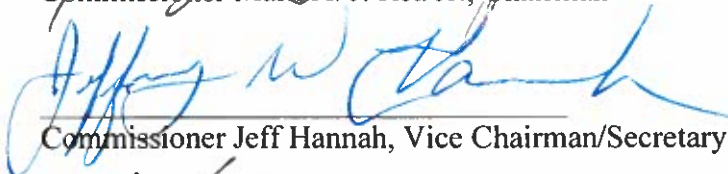
There was no new business to report.

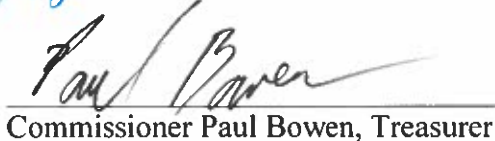
There was no public in attendance and therefore, no public comment.

There being no further business, Vice Chairman/Secretary Hannah made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Treasurer Bowen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:53 pm.


Commissioner Mark A. J. Rea Jr., Chairman


Date Minutes Approved


Commissioner Jeff Hannah, Vice Chairman/Secretary


Commissioner Paul Bowen, Treasurer