

**DALTON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**

**May 17, 2023**

Present: Chair Jim Driscoll, Camillus Cachat, Michael Kubicki, Clerk Melanie Roucoulet, Al Nadeu, Thomas Murray, Richard Olsted Chief James Peltier, Dave Thomas

Jim Driscoll called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Al Nadeu appointed The board of Water Commissioners to handle the disciplinary actions against Chief James Peltier and Ambulance Director Dave Thomas, Al Nadeu made a motion to turn it over to the commissioners, Tom Murray seconded, and voted unanimously.

Executive Session :

James Peltier

- James Peltier read aloud a list of complaints from several members of the department, from mismanagement of funds, favoritism to safety concerns. Chief Peltier voiced his side of the accusations to the board of water commissioners. Jim Driscoll reminded Chief Peltier that he was asked several times to keep the Overtime and budget purchases under control and that he failed to do so.

Both James Peltier and Dave Thomas were asked to exit the room while the water commissioners discussed, and decided what the outcome of their findings would be.

- James Peltier returned to the meeting room at which time Jim Driscoll made a motion to sever employment with Mr. Peltier after discussion with the other board members effective immediately, Cam Cachat seconded, approved unanimously. Mr Peltier was informed that he will be paid for all his vacation time left and also that he is to remove his personal belongings from the department with a Police Officer present due to previous issues.
- James Peltier asked if one of the Commissioners was assigned to watch over the Fire department to make sure that things were run correctly moving forward if he would be able to stay on as Chief. Jim Driscoll stated that he would talk to the department to see what there opinions were. James Peltier then asked if the membership wanted him to leave if he would be allowed to resign instead.

Dave Thomas

- Jim Driscoll advised Dave Thomas that the board of water commissioners accepted his resignation that was given back on 05/03/2023.
- Dave Thomas stated that he wanted to withdrawal his resignation of Ambulance Director and expressed that he said it out of anger.
- Mike Kubicki states that The Ambulance Director position was never agreed upon to be a full time position by the Board of Water Commissioners.

- Dave Thomas asked the commissioners if they would hold a vote of confidence with the department for him also.

Jim Driscoll adjourned meeting at 8:12pm

Respectfully submitted,

*Melanie Roucoulet*

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Treasurer/Clerk