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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M.

At the Geyserville Fire Station #1, 20975 Geyserville Avenue, Geyserville

1. OPENING GREETING

- A. Meeting called to order by President Michael Pigoni at 7:01 P.M.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Agenda Approval: **A motion was made and seconded (Stewart/Barnard) to approve the agenda. All ayes.**
- D. Roll Call: Michael Pigoni, Rick Groff, Rob Stewart, Harry Bosworth and Tim Barnard were present. Chief Pigoni was also present.

2. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Wayne Bell inquired on the status of the leaky roof. The issue will be discussed under Old Business.

3. PRESENTATION

Dan Dragos, a retired Lieutenant with the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office, introduced himself and gave a brief description of his experience qualifying him to perform background investigations. He then outlined numerous reasons for the Department to investigate firefighter candidates, stressing Department negligence in hiring firefighters with certain backgrounds. Dragos stated that his normal fee for a background is \$1500, but would perform this service for Geyserville for only \$750 per background. A question/answer session and brief discussion followed.

Director Rick Groff was concerned with the possibility of lawsuits if the Department refuses a candidate based on the background investigation. The Chief reported that EMS is already beginning to require backgrounds, and Director Pigoni added that paid fire departments have been requiring backgrounds for many years.

4. MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded (Groff/Barnard) to approve the Minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting for January 14, 2008. All ayes.

GATEWAY TO THE GEYSERS

5. FINANCIAL REPORTS

The current financial reports from the County and bookkeeper Jeanne Davis were reviewed. Operating Fund expenses for the month ending January 31st were \$63,577.21. Year-to-date expenses for the fiscal year 2008/2009 were \$433,078.18.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Warrants for the month of January were reviewed and approved. **A motion was made and seconded (Barnard/Stewart) to approve the January warrants. All ayes.**

7. CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Paul Pigoni reported the following:

- There have been 55 calls to-date, (38 calls in the last month).
- The Department continues with ongoing inspections and plan reviews. More are done now that Joe Stewart is dedicated to prevention.
- There are 23 active firefighters, eight occasional firefighters and 1 water tender operator.
- All apparatus are in service.
- Station 1 repairs are winding down.
- The Chief was unable to attend a meeting with the Casino to discuss MOU payment. Director Michael Pigoni went in his place and reported that the MOU payments will continue as they are until the expansion project is started.
- The Chief sent in the paperwork for a \$5000 grant from Fireman's Fund. The Department is partnering with Healdsburg and Windsor for a DOT grant for extrication equipment.
- Medical, dental and vision plans were implemented on February 1st.
- At a recent Chiefs' meeting, many fire chiefs reported that they are still owed money from the state for last summer's strike teams. The Chief noted that almost all our money has been received.
- There is an AVA meeting on Saturday. The Chief will attend and announce that Station 2 is closed.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

There is no correspondence.

9. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Director Stewart announced that the Station 1 repairs are mostly done. The area has been repainted, the interior sheet rock work is done, new ceiling tiles are installed, and the building does not leak. The laying of the pavers is the only work left to complete. Blakeslee Electric is redoing the circuit panels.
- b. The Chief reported that he sent Herb Williams an email this week. He received a reply that Herb Williams has been ill for three weeks, but will probably have the quote ready for the next Board of Directors' meeting. Director Stewart inquired on the timing of the parcel tax ballot, and Chief Pigoni replied that they were looking at one year from now. He noted that after playing with some of the numbers, he found the tax would be huge, so it may have to be broken down further. The discussion was tabled until next month.

10. NEW BUSINESS

New business was discussed under Item #3, but the Chief added that although there is no urgency to make a decision, if it is to be part of the next hiring process the program should be in place before January.

11. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Barney passed out an invitation to a sculpture showcase.

12. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

A motion was made and seconded (Groff/Stewart) to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 P.M. All ayes.

Minutes approved as written- Motion/Second: _____

Clerk of the Board: _____

Date: _____