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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 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 7:00 P.M.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Agenda Approval: **A motion was made and seconded (Bosworth/Groff) to approve the agenda. All ayes.**
- D. Roll Call: Michael Pigoni, Rick Groff, Harry Bosworth and Tim Barnard were present. Chief Pigoni was also present.

2. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Mack Montanye applauded the performance of the Board.

3. PRESENTATION BY HERB WILLIAMS

Chief Pigoni introduced Herb Williams, a potential candidate to assist the Department with obtaining a parcel tax.

Herb Williams gave a brief background on himself, touching on his involvement with four successful public safety ballot measures. He is currently working on a fifth with Russian River. He went on to summarize the process to win a ballot measure, including timing, materials, surveys, and his expectations of the Board, Chief and volunteers. Williams emphasized that he will not work without the survey. If the Board is interested in hiring him, he will prepare a proposal.

4. MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded (Barnard/Groff) to approve the Minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting for December 10, 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 December 31st were \$46,924.47. Year-to-date expenses for the fiscal year 2008/2009 were \$355,016.21.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

7. CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Paul Pigoni reported the following:

- There have been 17 calls to-date, (54 calls in the last month). Last year's call total was 617, the highest ever.
- The Department is busy with ongoing inspections and plan reviews. The Department is updating its pre-fire plans and water sources.
- There are 30 regular firefighters and 1 water tender operator.
- All apparatus are in service.
- Station 1 repairs are lingering. There are still handprints and other residue to remove from the walkway area. A leak recently started in the kitchen ceiling.
- The Chief received the Casino payment last month, and has sent dates he is available to discuss a new agreement. He has not yet received a reply.
- He received an email last week stating that the Department has been awarded a \$5,000.00 grant from Fireman's Fund.
- On January 1st the Department started 24-hour staffing. There will be a slight increase in spending in the Extra Help category due to this change.
- The Chief is working on obtaining medical benefits for the paid firefighter staff.
- The Dedicated Responder Program has been dropped to one person.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

There is no correspondence.

9. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Chief Pigoni opened the discussion on paid staffing. He explained that the next step is to come up with staffing proposals, and noted that the program needs to be financially independent from the Casino's donations. He recommends that the Board hire Herb Williams for at least the survey portion of his duties. Director Bosworth expressed that he wanted more information on the amount of money needed for the program. Directors Groff and Bosworth both stated they want to get word out there on the need for paid staffing. All Board members present agreed to proceed with requesting a proposal from Herb Williams. **A motion was made and seconded (Groff/Barnard) to have the Chief request a proposal from Herb Williams. All ayes.**
- b. Director Rick Groff asked the Chief about the long term needs of a paid staff and the future growth of the Department.

The Chief replied that the growth of the Department depends on money, call volume, the Casino's future and growth of the community. He would like to see Station 1 with 3-0 staffing and Station 2 with 2-0 staffing. He noted that LT Mack Montanye is heading a committee responsible for working on a 5 year plan for the Department.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Director Barnard announced that there is an Alexander Valley Association meeting February 14th. He suggested the Chief speak at meeting.

11. GOOD OF THE ORDER

The County Districts meeting is in Glen Ellen on January 29th.

Chief Pigoni reported that the Department won the blood drive competition again, and will be keeping the trophy for another year. The Department won with 102 people signed up; Healdsburg was runner-up with 79 people signed up.

Harry Bosworth announced the Kiwanis pancake breakfast on Super Bowl Sunday.

President Pigoni reminded everyone of the need for ethics training, and stated that there is an ethics/sexual harassment class on Saturday February 21st from 8:00-12:00.

12. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

A motion was made and seconded (Bosworth/Groff) to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 P.M. All ayes.

Minutes approved as written- Motion/Second: _____

Clerk of the Board: _____

Date: _____