

Penn Valley Fire Protection District
PENN VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
April 4, 2017

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Penn Valley Fire Protection District was called to order by Chairman Farrell at 6:30 P.M. at Station 43. Captain Pitts led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken.

PRESENT

Directors: David Farrell, Kurt Grundel, Terry McMahan, John Pelonio and Bruce Stephenson

Absent: None

Board Clerk: Debbie Hughes

Others: Chief Wagner and other Fire Department personnel. Mike Feyh from The Firefighter's Burn Institute.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike Feyh (Captain from Sacramento Fire) was in attendance on behalf of the Firefighter's Burn Institute to present a plaque to the firefighters for collecting money during the boot drive. The firefighters collected \$7,291. for the boot drive. Mike explained that the money collected from the various fire departments helps many different causes. It directly helps firefighters that may have been burned or their survivors, scholarships, burn camps, the Sacramento Burn Institute; it truly means a lot to a lot of different people. He presented the plaque to Firefighter Winslow who spearheaded the project and Chief Wagner.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Vice-Chairman Grundel motioned to approve the consent calendar as presented. Director Pelonio seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

NEVADA COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION

Chief Wagner attended the meeting today. Topics discussed were:

- OES – FEMA has approved the natural disasters in February for Federal funding.
- Sierra College Advisory Board – A member of Nevada County Consolidated Fire District will be a liaison on this board. They will be involved in the decision making for the proposed fire academy. Sierra College has dedicated \$6,000 to build a burn room, fire tower and to house a fire engine for training. A bond measure passed several years ago to fund the firefighter academy and now Sierra College is moving forward to work toward having the fire academy completed just like their Rocklin campus.
- The Nevada County Fire Safe Council will be hosting a wildfire learning day soon.
- Nevada County will be hosting a 2017 wildland drill for any agencies that want to participate. Feedback shows that the most interested agencies are coming from the Sacramento area which is good for interactive training.

- Nevada County Training Officer's Association will be hosting a Haz-mat training in April for agencies that have volunteers.
- Captain Thomas is working with Nevada County Public Health Department towards a grant for purchasing Emergency Mass Casualty Incident triage kits.

NEVADA COUNTY FIRE AGENCY (NCFA)

- The JPA met last Thursday. Vice-Chairman Grundel reported that the air compressor had major repairs that cost approximately 4 to 5 thousand dollars which was paid out of reserve monies.
- They will be passing down a Cost of Living Increase (COLA) to the fire agencies this year.

LAFCO

Vice-Chairman Grundel reported that:

- The agenda topic has been the Sphere of Influence for Nevada City. This topic will be discussed by a committee made up of LAFCo staff and Nevada City staff and brought back to the table in approximately 6 months.
- LAFCo staff employees (not Administration) will be receiving a COLA in the 2017/18 fiscal year however their budget will not increase as they've have recategorized some of the funds.

PENN VALLEY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

- Firefighter Bertolucci said the last breakfast had normal attendance. Tomorrow night the Association is meeting and they will be discussing the future of the breakfasts and the next breakfast which falls on Easter. They will be shorthanded 3 volunteers and one idea is a reduced menu. He advised anybody interested to attend tomorrow night's meeting.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Wagner reported that:

- For March, we responded to at least 106 emergency calls with a couple of days remaining from the date of the report.
- Call volume (especially vehicle accidents) has been up for all agencies – CHP, law enforcement, fire and EMS.
- Personnel – Captain Pitts introduced our new part-time Firefighter Aaron Maddox, and Interns Kyle Madden and Paul Perez. Intern Rhodri (Moses) Minnock has advanced from intern to part-time. Firefighter Goettle will be back from his military leave the beginning of May.
- Nevada County Planning Department is requesting us to defer, waive or reduce mitigation fees for the affordable housing. The board concurred we can't subsidize projects.
- Our share of property taxes are one of the lowest for special districts in Nevada County. He wasn't sure if this was related to the district forming pre-Proposition 13. He will be setting up a meeting with the property tax person, Linda Sager at the Nevada County Auditor-Controller's Office.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

VI-1 Public Hearing – Discussion and Second Hearing on:

- A. Ordinance 2017-01 Repealing Ordinances 2012-01 Ambulance Service Rates and 2014-01 Fees for Services and Call-Outs and Voiding Resolution 2007-03 Meeting Room Rental Fees

- B. Ordinance 2017-02 District Fee Schedule – Increasing Ambulance Fees and Merging Fees for Services and Call-Outs, Rental Fees & Use of Facilities, and Ambulance Fees.

Chairman Farrell opened the meeting to public hearing. Director Pelonio motioned to waive the reading of the complete ordinances and read the titles only. Director McMahan seconded. Motion unanimously carried. Director Pelonio motioned to approve Ordinances 2017-01 and 2017-02. Motion unanimously carried by a roll call vote. Public hearing closed.

VI-2 Public Hearing – Discussion and First Hearing on:

- A. Resolution 2017-02 Consideration of Consumer Price Index (CPI) Adjustment to the Fire Suppression Benefit Assessment Fee

Chairman Farrell opened the meeting to public hearing. This is an annual review to consider an adjustment in the fee based on any change in the CPI as provided by the State of California Division of Labor Statistics and United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, for the Bay Area of the preceding calendar year. The adjustment can be that CPI or 3.0%, whichever is less. The CPI change for Bay Area Cities in 2016 is 3.0%.

- B. Resolution 2017-03 Consideration of Consumer Price Index (CPI) Adjustment to the Special Tax – Rescue

This is an annual review to consider an adjustment in the rescue tax based on any change in the CPI as provided by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Cities Average for the preceding calendar year. The adjustment can be that CPI or 3.0%, whichever is less. The CPI change for U.S. Cities Average in 2016 is 2.0%.

This would be an increase to the fire suppression benefit assessment fee and the rescue tax of \$2.21 each annually for an overall increase of \$29,000. The board concurred in this first hearing that to keep up with inflation we need to adjust the Consumer Price Index as allowed by the ballot language. Public hearing closed. These items will be back on the agenda for a second public hearing next month along with additional discussion and action.

VI-3 Resolution 2017-04 LAFCo Nomination for Special District Alternate Member

Vice-Chairman Grundel said North San Juan Fire District's, Ed Beckenbach's term is up in May. The nominations need to be at LAFCo by April 28, 2017 and we wouldn't have another meeting before that. Since we don't know yet of any special district members that want to run we will void Resolution 2017-04.

VI-4 Replacement of Utility Vehicle

Chief Wagner reported that Captain Miller gave his annual vehicle and apparatus report at the March board meeting. He recommended replacing our oldest utility vehicle which is a 1996 Chevrolet pickup truck. The board deemed it surplus at the March meeting. The Capital Plan calls for the replacement of utility vehicles on a 10-year cycle so we have far exceeded that. Chief Wagner is still in the process of obtaining bids but he thinks the cost should be approximately \$40,000 to \$45,000. The 1996 pickup has been first out to line medic, medical leader, and incident manager type strike teams. It is reimbursed

\$96 per day by CAL OES, however it has been barely covering that after repairs have been made. The new bids are off state contract. Director McMahan motioned to authorize staff to purchase a new utility vehicle, not to exceed \$50,000. Director Pelonio seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

1. Chairperson Farrell – He's concerned about the future of breakfast. It requires a lot of work and people for a minimal return.
2. Vice-Chairman Grundel – No report.
3. Director McMahan – He attended Fire Prevention Institute Training as did Captain Thomas. He said the training was very worthwhile.
4. Director Pelonio – He noticed there have already been a couple of vegetation fires caused by escaped debris burns.
5. Director Stephenson –No report.

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:00 P.M. The Board went into closed session:

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (a): to receive any updates on pending litigation (Grizzell, et al. v. Penn Valley Fire Protection District Board).

AND:

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6: Memorandum of Understanding Negotiations between Penn Valley Fire Protection District and Nevada County Professional Firefighters Local 3800.

At 10:15 P.M. the board came out of closed session and reported: No action taken and nothing to report on pending litigation, and regarding MOU negotiations the board gave the Negotiating Board Committee direction to move forward with the Negotiating Local 3800 Firefighters Committee.

INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

(refer to red correspondence book)

GOOD OF THE ORDER

None

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 10:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Hughes

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Clerk to the Board

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