

Penn Valley Fire Protection District
PENN VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
February 7, 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. One of the new interns Kylie Daniels led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken.

PRESENT

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

Board Clerk: Debbie Hughes

Others: Chief Wagner and other Fire Department personnel.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Grundel made the motion to approve the consent calendar as presented. Director Stephenson seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

NEVADA COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION

Chief Wagner attended the meeting today. Topics discussed were:

- Officer election was on the agenda; they remained the same Chief Mark Buttron is the Chairman and Chief Don Wagner is the Vice-Chairman.
- Nevada County has been included in FEMA and State CAL OES disaster areas for the winter storms. So far there have been at least several million dollars of damage. Nevada County OES has distributed approximately 28 thousand sand bags. We have received about 8 loads of sand at Station 43.
- The Emergency Command Chief has received a promotion to Division Chief and will be leaving for the Napa area.
- CalFIRE will be hiring personnel for fuel reduction projects. There will also be 2 Conservation Corps crews working in the area.
- Law enforcement said they've had increased incidents due to the stormy weather.
- Nevada County Training Officer's Association will be hosting a Haz-mat training for agencies that have volunteers in April.
- KNCO has been interviewing law enforcement personnel for general type interviews about the job and how it impacts family and they want to expand this to fire personnel through the Nevada County Fire Safe Council.
- The Uniform Fire Code Update was adopted by the Nevada County Board of Supervisors but it was noted that the Nevada County Fire Plan needs to be modified to be in compliance also. This will be a county wide fire plan, not individual fire agency plans.

LAFCO

- The next meeting is at the end of February. They will be working on the budget which will have an increase in expenditures from having to budget for CalPERS unfunded liabilities.

NEVADA COUNTY FIRE AGENCY (NCFA)

- No report as there hasn't been a meeting since November.

PENN VALLEY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

- No report was taken but the breakfast had approximately the same amount of people as it did in December. The bad weather may have played a part.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- 124 calls for service in January of 2017 compared to 129 in 2016.
- We had a few storm related calls, mostly downed trees and power lines. The second round of flooding in January caused a mudslide on Hwy 49 that closed the Hwy for a few hours. We covered NSJ area for Sierra Nevada Ambulance Service while they covered our District. At that same time there was a water rescue in NSJ that Captain Miller responded to. This was a good joint venture effort between NSJ, NCCFD and us.
- We held a written examination Monday February the 6th. There were four FF/Paramedics and one FF/EMT that tested and they all passed.
- We actually had 12 full staffing positions filled last week but another FF/Paramedic is resigning the end of this month. That makes 11 full-time employees that have left over the last 31 months.
- Lisette from Jensen Smith should have our audit available at the March board meeting.
- The Penn Valley Fire Department Auxiliary gave a check to the District today for \$48,000. That donation is through December 2016. They were informed their money is going towards the purchase of our new fire engine which was exciting for them. They had a couple of record money making days this past week.
- Included in the Chief's report were:
 1. Ordinance 2017-01 repealing Ord. 2012-01 and 2014-01 fees for services and call-outs;
 2. A new Schedule of Fees that includes new ambulance rates, fees for services and call-outs, and rental and use of district facilities fees. It was determined this should be done in the format of an Ordinance under California Health and Safety Code Section 13916.

These will all be in next month's board packet as the ordinances will have to be advertised in The Union. They will be a 1st reading in March, 2nd reading in April and take effect in May.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

VI-1 2017 Authorized Signatures for Nevada County Auditor- Controller's Office.

The board agreed to the three office personnel and the five board members being able to sign.

VI-2 Resolution 2017-01 Amending the By-Laws

Chief Wagner reported that employee titles and job descriptions for office personnel needed to be changed as well as some verbiage in Section 505 Public Hearings so that it meets the rules of CA

Health and Safety Code Section 13916. Also added the position of interns and removed PCF's. After discussion J. Pelonio motioned to approve Resolution 2017-01 Amending the By-Laws. K. Grundel seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (a):

At 7:20P.M. The Board went into closed session to receive any updates on pending litigation (Grizzell, et al. v. Penn Valley Fire Protection District Board).

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6:

The Board also discussed labor negotiations with the bargaining unit.

At 8:30 P.M. the Board came out of closed session. No action on the pending litigation. On Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) negotiations it was reported that the negotiators led the discussion. K. Grundel then motioned to approve the proposed MOU for Finance Administrator and Office Administrator as amended and presented and to authorize the Chair to sign the MOU if the employees agree. T. McMahan seconded. Motion unanimously carried by a roll call vote.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

1. Chairperson Farrell – no report
2. Vice-Chairman Grundel – no report
3. Director McMahan – He will not be here for the March board meeting.
4. Director Pelonio – He attended the NCS DIA (Worker's Comp.) meeting and they did the math for dividends this year and there isn't enough money. They had a huge payout in insurance this year so they are figuring on an insurance rate increase next year. There were also no unusual findings in their audit.
5. Director Stephenson – no report

INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

(refer to red correspondence book)

GOOD OF THE ORDER

None

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Hughes
Clerk to the Board