

Penn Valley Fire Protection District
PENN VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
March 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. Captain Thomas led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken.

PRESENT

Directors: David Farrell, Kurt Grundel, John Pelonio and Bruce Stephenson (at 7:20 P.M.)

Absent: Terry McMahan (excused)

Board Clerk: Debbie Hughes

Others: Chief Wagner and other Fire Department personnel.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

President of the Penn Valley Community Rodeo Association (PVCRA) John Favetti was in attendance to present his annual rodeo report. The District has an agreement that allows the PVCRA to offset up to a maximum of one-third of the annual rent based on the value of maintenance and improvements made to the Property, at a credit ratio of two dollars of improvements to offset one dollar of rent. John's report was for the 2016 Rodeo. Last year they replaced bleacher boards and spend approximately \$2,000, repaired bleachers, installed a water heater and a metal shelf in the beer booth, repaired cookhouse drain, sheet rocked the back wall of the cookhouse, hired a weed abatement company and more. They want to raise the bleachers up. The rodeo was well attended and John expressed how important it is to the community of Penn Valley since many entities participate including the PV Chamber and the schools. True Value wants to put up a fence in the back corner toward their store because they're expanding their garden center. The fence will start at the back corner by the store and continue over to the main ticket booth by the pump house. Scott Gomez's (Owner of True-Value) mother-in-law owns the building between the store and the fire department-the old Hauser Hardware. They are planning to operate the nursery and a gift shop along with pouring a pad of concrete out back to sell beer, wine and food and have live music events. They hope to be open by summer. (Captain Thomas added some of this information for the board).

(THE AGENDA ORDER WAS CHANGED TO DISCUSSION ACTION ITEM VI-1 A, B AND C FIRST)

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 – They’re trying to determine how much the county will be reimbursed for the different disasters that occurred recently, not sure if it’s going to be Federal or State funds. There are mudslides in Cascade Shores and people have had to evacuate their home, Oroville Dam with Nevada County housing evacuees, flooding and a large sink hole in Grass Valley.
- During the Oroville Dam disaster, we were called to help, both ambulances responding to 911 calls and we transported 4 patients that were in Sutter and Yuba County. Sierra-Sacramento Valley EMS was very appreciative of us and Nevada County during this disaster. They said our response was outstanding and we performed a great job.
- The Emergency Command Center is up 13% in emergency calls.
- The Nevada County Fire Safe Council will be hosting a wildfire learning day soon and their annual wine/culinary event at The Miner’s Foundry in April. They are working furiously to try to remove trees that are dead from beetle bark.
- The staging process policies for EMS are being revisited. There have been times when the ECC has staged us but the NCSO wanted us to continue in to scene. New policies will be written based on common ground from all parties.
- Training Officer’s Association will be hosting a Haz-mat training for agencies that have volunteers in April.

LAFCO

Vice-Chairman Grundel reported that:

- The agenda topic has been the Sphere of Influence for Nevada City. The last meeting was well attended and received, but they had to continue the meeting due to the length of time it ran.

NEVADA COUNTY FIRE AGENCY (NCFA)

- No report as there hasn’t been a meeting since November and the last meeting that was scheduled for 2/23/17 didn’t have a quorum.

PENN VALLEY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

- There were over 200 people at the last breakfast. Chairman Farrell asked about maybe the PVFFA having a booth for some sort of food at the rodeo. It was realized that Penn Valley non-profit community groups already sell different food for their fundraisers.

FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT

Chief Wagner reported that:

- Captain Pitts brought to his attention that for 20 months in a row now we’ve had more than 100 calls per month.
- We are still losing personnel to larger fire departments citing better wages and benefits. A full-time paramedic resigned at the end of February.
- The recent testing process was completed February 20th. We have hired 2 Firefighter/Paramedics and 1 Firefighter/EMT part-time. The 2 paramedics will be starting FTO time March 6th and once that is completed we will hire 1 to fill our vacant full-time position.
- We have had some emails come through that look legitimate and were not caught by our spyware but they were from hackers or were spam email (they were not opened). But this brought to our attention that something needed to be done. Our IT person B. Mathena met with our outside IT person and they recommended upgrading our e-mail system as well as all operating systems the District uses for a safer and more reliable network. This will be done in

phases; the e-mail upgrades have already been started. Part of that process will be to use the internet for our phone system which will save approximately \$3,000 per year. We will ask the Firefighter's Association if they can help with part of the cost of upgrading.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

VI-1 2016 Annual Review of:

- A. **Safety Officer's Report** – Captain Miller said we had a quiet year. There were 2 minor incidents involving only our apparatus where property damage occurred. We had 5 Worker's Compensation injuries that had 2 employees miss time from work. The scenarios were reviewed with all fire safety personnel on what could have been done to prevent some of them.
- B. **Training Officer's Report** – Captain Miller stated that we had more driver's training than usual due to new and existing personnel that needed training on different apparatus. Total training for all personnel was 3,857 hours.
- C. **Vehicle Report** – Captain Miller reviewed the apparatus with the board. Recommendation was to declare the 1989 Engine45 surplus and sell it. Also, the 1996 Utility 44 should be replaced with a new utility-it's seen some hard miles on strike team assignments. The 1993 Engine44 has been costly this past year due to trouble with smog requirements and getting parts is difficult. We should start thinking about replacing the 2007 Medic 43 within a couple years. Our new Hi-tech engine should be here in June or July.

Director Pelonio motioned to declare Utility 44 and Engine 45 surplus, remove any equipment that can still be used taken off, and bring quotes on a new utility vehicle back to the board for approval. Vice-Chairman Grundel seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

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

- A. Ordinance 2017-01 Repealing Ordinances 2012-01 Ambulance Service Rates and 2014-01 Fees for Services and Call-Outs and 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

Chief Wagner reported that this information was in last month's board packet. Ordinances require advertisement and two public hearings at board meetings. California Health and Safety Code Section 13916 states that schedules of fees should be adopted by ordinance. Director Pelonio motioned to waive the reading of the complete ordinances and read the titles only. Vice-Chairman Grundel seconded. Motion unanimously carried and Chairman Farrell read the titles of Ordinance 2017-01 and 2017-02.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

- 1. Chairperson Farrell – No report.
- 2. Vice-Chairman Grundel – He reported that being on LAFCo gives him some insight on passing measure increases. Recently Nevada City was successful, but Higgins Fire was not. There should probably be some reporting on this from LAFCo soon.

3. Director McMahan – Absent.
4. Director Pelonio – He and Director Stephenson have begun negotiating with the FF Safety Local Union personnel. They met this morning and will be meeting again 3/21 @ 10am. They will bring a draft to the next regular board meeting.
5. Director Stephenson –No report.

CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (a):

At 8:10P.M. The Board went into closed session to receive any updates on pending litigation (Grizzell, et al. v. Penn Valley Fire Protection District Board).

At 8:30 P.M. the Board came out of closed session. No action was taken.

INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

(refer to red correspondence book)

GOOD OF THE ORDER

None

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Hughes
Clerk to the Board

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