

Penn Valley Fire Protection District  
**PENN VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 3, 2018

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. He led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken.

**PRESENT**

Directors: David Farrell, Kurt Grundel, Joey Jordan, Terry McMahan and Bruce Stephenson

Absent: None

Board Clerk: Debbie Hughes

Others: Firefighters, Chief Wagner, Mike Daw from Firefighter Burn Institute and M. Thelen

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

1. Just before the board meeting the Penn Valley Community Rodeo Association Board Members presented a check to the Paramedic Scholarship Program for \$1,000. They have pledged this amount annually if the rodeo makes money.
2. Mike Daw from The Firefighters Burn Institute was here to present the District with a plaque for \$7,471 for their help with the "Fill the Boot" Drive this year. He talked about the program and how the donations help burn victims, were instrumental in setting up a local burn treatment facility at UC Davis, provide fire and burn prevention, help families of burn victims, allow children to attend burn camps and supports a Firefighter Response Team. If needed his cell phone number is 916-672-8525.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Director McMahan motioned to approve the consent calendar as presented. Director Grundel seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

**NEVADA COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION**

Chief Wagner reported on the meeting this morning. Discussed items were:

- Office of Emergency Services (OES) of Nevada County is hosting two tabletop exercises for fire, rescue, law enforcement and security personnel. Part of that will include testing Code Red and the wireless notification system.

- The Fire Safe Council is hosting a wildland fire preparedness class the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in May. They are having their annual culinary event this coming weekend at the Miners Foundry. They have brought aboard The AmeriCorps Volunteers to help with fire clearing.
- Grass Valley ECC will be changing the script on dispatching to shorter dialogue and there will be less airtime.
- State OES will be conducting strike team leader classes.
- Jim Mathias has been promoted and is now the North Ops Division Chief, D2303 covering Nevada and Yuba County including ECC and Washington Ridge camp. For those not familiar Jim is a former Penn Valley guy that moved to Cal Fire some years back.
- Last week there was a toddler killed in a vehicle accident at Highway 20 by Nevada City. Chief went up there to help with critical incident stress debriefing. There are not enough leaders in Nevada County trained in this to help firefighters, 1<sup>st</sup> responders etc., so the Chief's Association is looking towards the Local Firefighters Union for help.

### **NEVADA COUNTY FIRE AGENCY (NCFA)**

Director Grundel said they are working on budget planning for the next meeting.

### **LAFCO**

Director Grundel announced that Nevada City's sphere of influence was reviewed. We received a ballot today to vote for a special district board member that must be returned by April 30. We can't vote on it because it's not on the agenda, but D. Hughes will call LAFCo tomorrow to see if there can be an extension. Director Grundel recommended Nick Wilcox.

### **PENN VALLEY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION**

PVFFA President Dennis Bertolucci said the last breakfast took in \$776 and spent \$411. The attendance is still around the 90's mark.

### **FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

In addition to report in packet Chief Wagner reported:

- Service calls - Updated calls for March are 118.
- Personnel - All 12 safety positions are filled. Two of our part-time people are in medic school. Kylie should be finishing in about 8 months and Moses in about 3-4 months.
- Apparatus - Medic 43 has had intermittent problems where it would just shut down; the problem has now been identified and is being fixed.
- Solar Project - Waiting on USDAs review for their loan cost.
- Property Tax Issue – Supervisor Weston responded to the Fire Chief's letter. The property tax specialist working with our Attorney said we've lost approximately 1 million dollars over the last 31 years in tax revenue.

### **Emergency Medical Services and Fire Prevention**

Chief Wagner reported:

- Captain Thomas was in training for 1 week, on sick leave and vacation leave so there's no report this month.

## **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

### **VI-1 Public Hearing – Discussion and First Hearing on:**

- A. Resolution 2018-03 - Consideration of Consumer Price Index (CPI) Adjustment to the Fire Suppression Benefit Assessment Fee

Chairman Farrell opened the meeting to a 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 the 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 2017 is 3.1%. This would be an annual increase of \$2.38 for homeowners.

- B. Resolution 2018-04 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 State of California Division of Labor Statistics 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 2017 is 2.2%. This would be an annual increase of \$2.48 for homeowners.

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-2 - Declaring Apparatus Surplus**

Chief Wagner informed the Board that E93-01 the 1993 Pierce Lance Pumper has been sitting in reserve status at Station 45 since we received the new engine in June 2017 and should be declared surplus. Director McMahan motioned to declare Apparatus E93-01 surplus. Director Grundel seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORTS**

1. Chairman Farrell – He said thank you for the get-well card and a special thank you to John Pitts and David Justus for saving his life.
2. Vice-Chairman Grundel – He would like to volunteer his help with the Cal Fire LWW drill.
3. Director Jordan – No report.

4. Director McMahan – He was at the same 1-week training with Captain Thomas. Kudos to Director Stephenson on the great proposal for Paramedic Scholarships through donations.
5. Director Stephenson – He gave his 4<sup>th</sup> presentation to the Penn Valley Lions Club. He has been to the LWW SIRS Club, the Penn Valley Chamber breakfast and the Penn Valley Community Rodeo Association that donated \$1,000 tonight.

**INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

(refer to red correspondence book)

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Welcome back to Chairman Farrell.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The board adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Hughes  
Clerk to the Board