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## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING MARCH 8, 2017

Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2017  
Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Location: Long Valley Fire Station, 3605 Crowley Lake Drive, Crowley Lake

Members Present: Brown, Day, Rutkowski and Shaw  
Members Absent: Beveridge  
Others Present: Chief, Vince Maniaci Secretary, Michael Grossblatt  
Volunteer, Bob Mathieson  
Others Absent: None

1. Call to order, roll call, and announcements. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. Commissioner Brown asked the status of the flag pole repair. Chief Maniaci indicated that it has not been addressed as yet due to weather and other pressing issues.
2. Opportunity for public to address the Board on non-agendized items. No public was in attendance.
3. Approval of the minutes of the February 8, 2017 regular meeting. A MOTION WAS MADE BY BROWN, SECONDED BY DAY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 8, 2017 REGULAR MEETING AND THE FEBRUARY 22, 2017 SPECIAL MEETING. MOTIONS PASSED 4-0.
4. PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957, THE BOARD HELD A DISCUSSION IN CLOSED SESSION REGARDING A PERSONNEL MATTER. In open session following the closed session, Commissioner Brown stated for the record that Secretary Michael Grossblatt resigned his position effective immediately, and the board had accepted his resignation at 7:30 p.m. on March 8, 2017. The meeting was suspended for approximately 20 minutes while Chief Maniaci and Commissioner Rutkowski accompanied Mr. Grossblatt to his residence to retrieve the department's records.
5. Chief's Report.
  - A. Volunteer's Report. The volunteer's report was taken out of order prior to going into closed session. Bob Mathieson a new volunteer was present to meet the

Board and introduce himself. He was excused from the meeting prior to going into closed session.

B. Report on Current Fire Department Activities, Assignments and Schedule for potential Board direction. Chief Maniaci indicated there were 13 calls since the meeting in February. They include 1 line down, 11 traffic accidents, 1 semi-truck rollover. Chief met with ISO insurance representative today regarding our district classification for homeowner's insurance. The representative indicated that our rating will not drop and he hopes following some additional information from Chief Maniaci that the rating might get one step better from a 5-5Y split to a 4-4Y split. A chief's meeting took place last week and the ICEMA issue came up again as a potential problem for all the Mono County Departments. There was another meeting with the Board of Supervisors this morning that Chief Maniaci was not able to attend because of the ISO meeting. There is a grey area which may eliminate us having to report to ICEMA on every single call. Rooks the EMS coordinator has put in for a grant for Books, Tablets & iPads so that the incident commander can get on scene and upload necessary information to EMS. This would be through a system called Fire House which we may have to switch to. More needs to be clarified on this issue. Chief Maniaci advised the Board that his Surface Tablet is dead. He is going to take it to the Geek Squad the next time he is in Reno to see if it can be repaired. Will advise the Board of status at the next meeting.

#### Long Range Planning Discussion.

- (a) Personnel. The volunteers are working on the fishing opener fund raiser. They are working on a new T-Shirt design to sell at the opener that will be more fisher friendly. New duty shirts are also needed and Vince asked Billy Czeschin to get a bid for him for review.
  - (b) Airport. April 8<sup>th</sup>, daily flights will drop from four to one.
  - (c) Geothermal. No report.
  - (d) Station Maintenance. Chief Maniaci is going to get a bid for the repair of the roof leak in the meeting room and see if we are better off reporting it to insurance or just paying for the repair.
  - (e) Vehicle Maintenance. Maintenance logs continue to be worked on to bring them up to date. Two vehicles 3231 and 3200 have repairs that are needed. 3231 has a door that was damaged in the recent wind event and 3200 has a door and windshield issue from the same wind event. Chief Maniaci will again get repair estimates and determine if best turned into insurance or paid outright. 3200 also needs new tires and Chief Maniaci is getting bids for it.
6. Secretary to the Board/Administrative Assistant Report. Commissioner Shaw advised that the expenditure and revenue reports have been brought up to date through

the March 8, 2017 meeting but the budget report has not been finalized. She hopes to get that report in balance with the county by the April meeting.

7. Discuss ERAF. Chief Maniaci forwarded an email to all the Commissioners from Dana Jorgenson wherein he references correspondence that we have yet to see. Dana Jorgenson mentioned a refund in his email which would be very nice, but if we can just get it stopped, we will be happy. Carry over to the next agenda.

8. Review monthly financial reports and budget. Make changes to budget as necessary. No update other than previously noted in Secretary's report.

9. Discussion regarding the possible repeal of the 1994 MOU between the Long Valley Fire Protection District and the Town of Mammoth Lakes regarding the Mammoth-Yosemite Airport; follow-up discussion regarding the development of a new MOU. Chief Maniaci had a sit down meeting scheduled with Grady at the Town and then one of the town's public works people passed away suddenly and the meeting had to be postponed. Carryover to next agenda.

10. Fire mitigation fee review. No update. Carryover to next agenda.

11. Discuss the anticipated arrival of the new water tender. Chief Maniaci and Billy Czeschin will travel to South Dakota April 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> for final approval sign off to allow the new water tender to go to Burton Fire to be completed. Commissioner Brown mentioned while viewing photos of the new tender that he would like to see Chevrons placed on the back of any vehicle that has to go to Burtons for repairs in the future so we are in compliance with new NFPA codes. Carryover to next agenda.

12. Review correspondence received since the last regular meeting.

13. Call for Agenda Items for Next Regular Meeting. ERAF update; Discussion of the possible repeal of the 1994 MOU regarding the Mammoth-Yosemite Airport/consideration of a new MOU; Fire mitigation fee review; Discussion re: New Water Tender; 1st Draft of 2017-2018 Budget; Discussion on forming a Committee of two Commissioners and the Chief to set up written policies and procedures for financial records, bill approval and payment, review of mail received, etc.; Discussion regarding hiring a new Secretary.

14. Adjournment. A motion was approved to adjourn the meeting and reconvene in regular session on April 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Long Valley Fire Station, 3605 Crowley Lake Drive, Crowley Lake, California.

Sharon Shaw

Board Chairperson in absence of Administrative Assistant/Secretary to the Board