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**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
December 13, 2017**

Date: Wednesday, December 13, 2017
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Long Valley Fire Station, 3605 Crowley Lake Drive, Crowley Lake

Members Present: Hank Brown, Ron Day, John Rutkowski and Sharon Shaw
Members Absent: Tom Beveridge
Others Present: Chief, Vince Maniaci; Secretary, Shawna Pettigrew, Volunteer Ben Romo, Volunteer Margarite McDonald

Others Absent: None

1. Call to order, roll call, and announcements. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.
2. Opportunity for public to address the Board on non agenda items. No public present
3. Approval of the minutes of the November 8, 2017 regular meeting. A MOTION WAS MADE BY BROWN, SECONDED BY DAY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS AMENDED OF THE NOVEMBER 8, 2017 REGULAR MEETING. MOTION PASSED 4 IN FAVOR WITH ONE ABSTENTION.
4. Chief's Report.
 - A. Volunteer's Report. Margarite McDonald stated that training and preparations are going real well. Ben Romo suggested that Chief Maniaci look into an online training program called Target Solutions. CalFire uses this program for their training. Ben suggests that the volunteers would take the online training courses in their homes and come to the Thursday night training informed and be able to have an interactive training session. The cost is \$35/per person per year. The total cost for one year of this training would be \$1039. This amount is within budget. This training may improve our ISO rating. The volunteers will receive a certification once they pass each training course. It is required that all courses are completed in one calendar year. Chief will discuss this program with Joseph Santos. Commissioner Shaw would like to find out how the volunteers feel about

participating in this training program. She also would like to have this training starting January 2018. The Training Officer will be able to track the progress of each volunteer's online training sessions.

- B. Report on Current Fire Department Activities, Assignments and Schedule for potential Board direction. There were 4 calls since the November meeting. All were medicals aids. One was a skate park injury at the not yet completed Crowley Lake skate park.

C. Long Range Planning Discussion.

- (a) Personnel. Ben Romo announced that a volunteer, Steven Jennings is also a vehicle maintenance mechanic from Cal Trans. He is also a welder and fabricator. Chief Maniaci would like to hire Steven to help Lance with vehicle maintenance. Joseph Conti will be leaving the department as of December 31st. Chief Maniaci drafted resolution R17-03 honoring him for his service. Commissioner Brown approved, Rutkowski seconded, passed 4-0. He will be presented with this at the Fire District holiday party on December 15th. Chief Maniaci will also present him with a chrome ax. With Joseph leaving a captains' position is now open. Chief would like the new captain to have a medical credential.
 - (b) Airport. Starting daily service on December 15th.
 - (c) Geothermal. No News.
 - (d) Station Maintenance. No news.
 - (e) Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance. Ben Romo suggested that we have more role specific vehicles. He also suggested that the vehicle at Sunny Slopes be swapped out for a vehicle with a 150 gallon tank and foam.
5. Board Review/ Approval of Payment Warrants since last meeting. Board members reviewed the payment/payroll warrants. Commissioner Brown moved for approval, Commissioner Day seconded. Passed 4-0.
6. Secretary to the Board. No news
7. 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 will give Grady Dutton amendment #3 for his review. Carryover
8. Fire mitigation fee review. No news, carryover.

9. Review of existing agreement between Fire Dept. and Sheriff's Dept. Carryover to next meeting. Chief Maniaci will contact the district's attorney Tim Sanford for a copy of the hold harmless agreement document.

10. Review Correspondence since Last Regular Meeting. State Fund premium is increasing to \$2,186.00 monthly.

11. Review and adjust current FY budget line items as necessary and accept. A donation of \$2000 was received from John Gottwald, deposit to account 217. Will be receiving \$2500 from the Fire Fighters Chiefs Association. Commissioner Shaw explained how a recent restitution payment received from the District Attorney's Office was distributed in the budget. \$1,284.00 payment for the 2015-2016 outside audit was backdated by the county auditor's office to the 2016-17 budget. Beginning 2017 balance was adjusted to reflect that expense.

12. New Business. Commissioner Day announced that Frontier Communications is offering a higher speed internet service at a lower cost if bundling services. Chief Maniaci announced that his neighbor, John Blackburn, is starting a new internet service which will be available in McGee Creek and Long Valley. He would like to install an antenna on the fire station in return he would offer free internet access to the volunteers in McGee Creek and Long Valley. Commissioner Shaw said it would be great if we could make it possible for those two communities to have internet access. Chief Maniaci will ask our attorney Tim Sanford to possibly draft an agreement between the District and John Blackburn to install an antenna on the building.

13. Call for Agenda Items for Next Regular Meeting. MOU with Town of Mammoth Lakes; Fire Mitigation Fees; Hold Harmless Agreement with Sheriff's Dept.

14. Adjournment. A motion was approved to adjourn the meeting and reconvene in regular session on January 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Long Valley Fire Station, 3605 Crowley Lake Drive, Crowley Lake, California.

Shawna Pettigrew
Secretary to the Board