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**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
December 12, 2018**

Date: Wednesday, December 12, 2018
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Long Valley Fire Station, 3605 Crowley Lake Drive, Crowley Lake

Members Present: Hank Brown, Ron Day, Sharon Shaw, Kim Czeschin.

Members Absent: Tom Beveridge.

Others Present: Chief Maniaci, Volunteer Chris Klein, and Secretary Katie Durgin.

Others Absent: None.

1. Call to order, roll call, and announcements. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. All members present except Commissioner Tom Beveridge. Commissioner Brown announced after attending the RPAC meeting that the Department of Water and Power dewatering in the area increases fuel load with rabbit brush and sagebrush. Another announcement from the RPAC meeting is that it is illegal to put a single family home for rent on Airbnb in the area. There are two exceptions which include: a) if you are living in the home and want to rent a room, and b) if you own a separate quarters or guest unit.

2. Opportunity for public to address the Board on non agendized items. No public present.

3. Approval of the minutes of the November 14, 2018 regular meeting. A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER BROWN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 14, 2018 REGULAR MEETING. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

4. Chief's Report.

A. Volunteer's Report. Volunteer firefighter trainings continue to occur on Thursday nights.

B. Report on Current Fire Department Activities, Assignments and Schedule for potential Board direction. 3 calls since November Meeting: 1 gas leak (Sunny Slopes), 1 medical aid on highway, and 1 vehicle rollover on Hwy 395. Minimum requirements will be reviewed for volunteers to join the fire department and receive

pay for calls and trainings annually. A draft of volunteer requirements will be provided for review at the January 9, 2019 regular meeting.

C. Long Range Planning Discussion.

- (a) Personnel. A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for current staffing will be made and presented by Chief Maniaci to the Board for review. Junior program is going well. Crowley Community Tree Lighting Event had a good turnout.
 - (b) Airport. United Airlines is flying from LA to Mammoth daily. On December 18th, additional flights will be made from Denver and San Francisco to Mammoth.
 - (c) Geothermal. Chief Maniaci attended a community hazardous material safety meeting regarding iso-butane leaks at unacceptable levels. Chief Maniaci, BLM, and the county building safety official are comprising building, safety and fire violations.
 - (d) Station Maintenance. Bus doors have been inspected and everything looks great. Flag is at half mass for the passing President George H. W. Bush.
 - (e) Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance. The door latch on 3230 has been fixed.
 - (f) MOU between Town of Mammoth Lakes and Long Valley Fire Protection District. No news.
5. Board Review/Approval of Payment Warrants since last meeting. Board members reviewed the payment/payroll warrants. Duplicate statement for engine maintenance on 3230 will be addressed by Secretary in order to prevent double payment.
6. Secretary to the Board Report. No news.
7. Fire mitigation fee review. Scott Thorpe and Chief Maniaci are in communication regarding an assessment on the audit issue. Good progress is being made.
8. Review and possible approval of hold harmless agreement between the Fire Dept and Sheriff's Dept. Chief Maniaci reported we are waiting for county council review. Carry over for final report.
9. Vehicle Log Status. No news from Captain Czeschin. Carry over.
10. Review Correspondence since Last Regular Meeting. A donation of \$2000.00 was received from the Gottwalds and will be deposited in the Fire Department's Training account. Chief Maniaci reported we are waiting on final lease agreement sign out for our Xerox machine.

11. Review and adjust current FY budget line items as necessary and accept. The current budget balance is \$657,398.86. Chief Maniaci gave a rough estimate on purchasing a potential new engine to be \$375,000-\$400,000. Discussion concerning purchasing the new engine will continue into next year. Chief Maniaci reported it is possible to take the tank off of 3280 and put it on an International Chassis. Doing this would open up the capability to supply a crew for wildland fires. Chief Maniaci is continuing to research possible grants for engine acquisition. In order to qualify for a grant, firefighters must attend an Emergency Vehicle Operator Course (EVOC). The Department will be sending two volunteer firefighters to attend an EVOC training this coming January 2019. There will be another potential EVOC course available in the spring of 2019.

12. New Business. Report on upcoming EVOC trainings (refer to Agenda item #11). Chief Maniaci is putting together a committee with the Chiefs for Operational Area Coordinators to ensure proper communication for potential wild land fire emergencies in the Mono County area. There will also be a committee formed to ensure proper communication for dispatch policies.

13. Call for Agenda items for next regular meeting. Fire Mitigation Fee Review; Review of Existing Agreement between Fire Dept. and Sheriff's Dept.; Vehicle Log Status.

14. Adjournment. A motion was approved to adjourn the meeting and reconvene in regular session on January 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Long Valley Fire Station, 3605 Crowley Lake Drive, Crowley Lake, California.

Katie Durgin
Secretary to the Board