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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING October 9, 2019

Date: Wednesday, October 9th, 2019
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Long Valley Fire Station, 3605 Crowley Lake Drive, Crowley Lake

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Chief Maniaci, Secretary Katie Durgin, Volunteer Gerry LeFrancious,
Volunteer Quintin LeFrancious, Attorney Tim Sanford

Others Absent: None

1. Call to order, roll call, and announcements. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Opportunity for public to address the Board on non agenda items. No public present.
3. CLOSED SESSION: Confer with legal counsel on possible litigation regarding reduction of percentages paid in Education Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF) and request overpayment refund with interest (initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9: [1 case]). Commissioner Shaw announced the start of the Closed Session. Commissioner Shaw ended the Closed Session and reopened the meeting to the public.
- 4.. Approval of the Minutes of the October 9th, 2019 regular meeting. A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER BROWN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BEVERIDGE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 9TH, 2019 REGULAR MEETING. MOTION PASSED 5-0.
5. Chief's Report.
 - A. Volunteer's Report. Volunteer Gerry LeFrancious reported that the Long Valley Fire Fighter's Association has about 33 members. The Association did a fundraiser with the Mammoth Lakes Women's Club and raised \$3,000 for the Association. The annual Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) training was a success. The Association covered the Crowley Lake Fun Run without any incident. Volunteer Quintin

LeFrancious reported on the success of the weekly volunteer firefighter trainings. The latest trainings have consisted of breathing apparatus with smoke simulation, mask testing, medical call forms, and hydrant testing.

- B. Report on Current Fire Department Activities, Assignments and Schedule for potential Board direction. Commissioner Brown reported that he attended the Mammoth Lakes Fire Department board meeting. There are a series of questions that came up in the Mammoth meeting that Commissioner Brown wanted to bring to Long Valley Fire Department to address. In response to the question on if we have a management flow chart, Chief Maniaci reported that we do. Chief Maniaci will work to get the chart finalized and posted. Regarding gasoline storage in a residence (i.e. for generators, snow blowers, lawn mowers), there are regulations on how gasoline is being stored and where it is being stored. Commissioner Brown suggested including the gasoline storage regulations in our newsletter. Commissioner Brown asked if the department has a use for a drone. Chief Maniaci reported that California's Office of Emergency Services (OES) and the Chiefs Association are looking at getting a drone. If they do, we would have access to it, but they would be responsible for charging and licensing it. Commissioner Brown asked if we need to adopt the building code and fire code. Chief Maniaci said we can adopt it next year in 2020 when the code changes. Commissioner Brown suggested doing a Long Valley Fire Protection commemorative book including the volunteers names, a photo, and dates of service. Chief Maniaci reported that they are working on Engine 3232 water pump discharge. Commissioner Brown noted that we need to keep an audio recording of our regular meetings for at least 30 days after the meeting. Secretary Durgin will make sure to do this and record the regular meetings on the department's audio recorder. Commissioner Brown asked about doing a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). Chief Maniaci reported that we are required to do a CWPP and keep it up to date. The CWPP can help with acquiring grants. Chief Maniaci reported his concerns regarding the power outages of potential frozen pipes at the industrial park. Chief Maniaci will construct an outreach letter that he will send to the industrial park to address his concerns. The station maintained well during the power outages. The department was asked to open up the Crowley Lake Community Center during the power outages. The department does not need to be present while the Community Center is open. 8 calls since September meeting: 3 medical aids; 2 vehicle fires; 1 hazmat; 1 vegetation fire; 1 mutual aid structure fire.

C. Long Range Planning Discussion.

- (a) Personnel. The department has 1 new volunteer firefighter. The annual MCI training was a success. There were 35 people registered and over 100 people attended. Commissioner Shaw reported that the Volunteer Firefighter Length of Service Award (VFLSA) management has received our payment.
- (b) Airport. Commercial service will be moving to Bishop Airport on October 1st, 2020.
- (c) Geothermal. No news.

- (d) Station Maintenance. Training Officer Tyler Haakana has been working on the sprinklers as well as several other things at the station. Tree trimming needs to be done near the flags. Volunteer John Kokado fixed the office printer.
 - (e) Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance. Chief Maniaci made an offer to one of the mechanics from Mammoth to see if he would be willing to do our 90-day bits and general maintenance. He agreed and upon the approval of the Board, Chief Maniaci will move forward with getting him set up.
 - (f) MOU between Town of Mammoth Lakes and Long Valley Fire Protection District. No news.
 - (g) Review and possible approval of hold harmless agreement between the Fire Dept. and Sheriff's Dept. Chief Maniaci has not heard back from the county yet regarding the agreement. Carry over.
6. 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 5-0.
 7. Secretary to the Board Report. Secretary Durgin will print out the 2018-2019 Final Operating Budget at next meeting for the Board to review.
 8. Fire mitigation fee review. Training Officer Tyler Haakana is going to help Chief Maniaci with the fire mitigation fee review. Carry over.
 9. Review correspondence received since the last regular meeting. Secretary Durgin presented correspondence she received regarding getting a competitive insurance quote from VFIS premier brokers. Commissioner Day asked if Tyler Haakana could fix a leak in the corner vent at the station.
 10. Review and adjust current FY budget line items as necessary and accept. Commissioner Brown noted that we will be getting an extra \$5,782 from the AB-8 report. The Board decided to put \$500 of that amount into budget line item #220 CSFA. The remainder \$5,282 will go into budget line item #200 Station Maintenance.
 11. New Business. None.
 12. Call for Agenda items for next regular meeting. Closed Session: Explore Possible Litigation regarding reducing our percentage of fees paid in ERAF and request overpayment refund of funds with interest; Fire Mitigation Fee Review.
 13. Adjournment. A motion was approved by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Day, to adjourn the meeting and reconvene in regular session on November 13th, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Long Valley Fire Station, 3605 Crowley Lake Drive, Crowley Lake, California.

Katie Durgin
Secretary to the Board