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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
March 11th, 2020

Date: Wednesday, March 11th, 2020
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, Secretary Katie Durgin, County Supervisor Fred Stump,
Volunteer Devin Preston, Sunny Slopes Resident Keith McCue

Others Absent: None

1. Call to order, roll call, and announcements. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. County Supervisor Fred Stump announced that the Wood Waste Voucher program was continued. Fred Stump reported that he spoke with Mono County Health Program Manager Brian Wheeler regarding COVID-19 and the level of training that exists in the fire districts that do not have ambulances. Wheeler requested contact information from all fire districts that do not have ambulances, which includes Long Valley Fire Protection District. Fred Stump requested that public health reach out to these districts because they will be providing first response until an ambulance can arrive. Commissioner Brown requested from Fred Stump an updated version of the spreadsheet showing the amount of money in the Ormat property tax appeals impound account. Fred Stump will speak with the assessor and follow up with Commissioner Brown.
2. Opportunity for public to address the Board on non agendized items. Resident from Sunny Slopes Keith McCue is present to discuss Sunny Slopes parcel and development of Station 2 (see agenda item #11).
3. Approval of the Minutes of the February 12th, 2020 regular meeting. A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER BROWN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 12TH, 2020 REGULAR MEETING. MOTION PASSED 4-0.
4. Chief's Report.

A. Volunteer's Report. Volunteer Devin Preston reported that they have decided to get rid of the MKU vehicle. Devin will notify Chief Maniaci once the vehicle leaves the property so that he can cancel insurance. The volunteers will be using Pelican Grill at Crowley Lake to serve the community for opening day for fishing. The volunteers are planning on participating in the Trout Fest event. The volunteers are also planning on serving the community in Bluesapalooza this year. Devin Preston reported that for one of the volunteer training nights they held CPR recertification. Ten volunteers were recertified. Devin Preston reported on one of the calls since last regular meeting being a very bad vehicle accident near Tom's Place. Given the accident, last Thursday Chief Maniaci and Assistant Chief Joseph Santos held a debrief for the volunteers where they discussed emergency scene safety.

B. Report on Current Fire Department Activities, Assignments and Schedule for potential Board direction. 6 calls since February meeting: 3 traffic collisions; 2 medical aid; 1 public assist.

C. Long Range Planning Discussion.

(a) Personnel. Chief Maniaci has hired volunteer Devin Preston for the Station Maintenance Manager position.

(b) Airport. No news.

(c) Geothermal. Ormat Technologies reached out to Chief Maniaci regarding the building of the new geothermal plant. Ormat is planning on moving forward with building the new plant within the year.

(d) Station Maintenance. No news.

(e) Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance. Rigo completed bits on a few of the vehicles. Fred Stump brought several engines out to get them running. Engine 3225 was taken down to Ford in Bishop for maintenance on the computer system.

(f) Airport 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. No news.

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 Report. Secretary Katie Durgin reported that we received a notice from Internal Revenue Service stating that they could not determine the correct form or tax year to apply our February tax payment to. They applied it to Form 941 which was

correct. Katie Durgin will follow up with Joanne Werthwein as to why it is not designated on the tax wire form to apply our payment to Form 941. Katie Durgin reported that Joseph Santos had to make updates to the volunteer roster for year 2020. Once the updates are done, Katie will complete the call logs to bring them up to date.

7. Fire mitigation fee review. No news. Carry over.
8. Update on Education Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF). No news. Carry Over.
9. Status Update on Supplemental Insurance Refund/Cummins Invoices. Secretary Katie Durgin reported that we received our refund check from Supplemental Insurance. Katie Durgin verified that we did not receive an invoice from Cummins in 2018.
10. Solid Waste Fee Waiver Programs. County Supervisor Fred Stump notified the Board to read the email they received regarding the Solid Waste Fee Waiver Programs.
11. Sunny Slope parcel and development of Station 2. Commissioner Shaw gave some background information regarding the parcel in Sunny Slopes that Long Valley Fire Protection District owns. Commissioner Shaw was on the Board when they purchased the property and at that time they pursued very aggressively the idea of building a fire station. Commissioner Shaw explained that the district received backlash from the Sunny Slopes community about putting a fire station on the parcel. Sunny Slopes resident Keith McCue expressed his concern of how the residents in Sunny Slopes are not able to insure their houses due to living in high fire hazard severity zone. Due to this, the property values in Sunny Slopes are decreasing at a high rate. Keith McCue asked the Board for an estimate of what it would cost to build a fire station and stated his mission to work with the community to invest. Chief Maniaci stated that even if a fire station was built, there are still issues that need to be resolved including, but not limited to, enough volunteer coverage to create ample emergency response times in order to receive insurance, the cost of station maintenance, the cost of equipment maintenance, and the additional cost of outfitting and insuring new volunteers. County Supervisor Fred Stump stated, though getting the community to invest toward the building of a fire station in Sunny Slopes would be helpful, that it will not solve the problem of insurance companies providing homeowners insurance. Fred Stump also noted that the funding for a station should not come from grants or one-time investments. Fred Stump asked Keith McCue to send him ideas he may have on where to find long-term revenue for the purpose of building and operating a fire station in Sunny Slopes.
12. Review correspondence received since the last regular meeting. Secretary Katie Durgin received correspondence from Volunteer Brian Jaegers stating that he is transferring the Accident and Sickness Policy from Scouts Insurance to George Petersen Insurance Agency. We will be working with specialist Christian Mello. Christian Mello sent Chief Maniaci a 35-page document to fill out in order to receive a quote for Liability and Workers Compensation. Chief Maniaci will fill out the paperwork and follow up with Christian Mello.

13. Review and adjust current FY budget line items as necessary and accept. Secretary Katie Durgin noted that we received 2nd Quarter Tax Fund Interest Revenue of \$344.18. The Operating Budget Actual Balance for Account 320 is up to date and includes the check from Mono County Fire Chiefs Association of \$1,502.50. Chief Maniaci anticipates radios and turnouts to be major expenses for the remainder of the balance of fiscal year 2019-2020.
14. New Business. No new business.
15. Call for Agenda items for next regular meeting. Fire Mitigation Fee Review; Update on ERAF; First Round of Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget; and Closed Session Staff Reviews.
16. Adjournment. A motion was approved by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Day, to adjourn the meeting and reconvene in regular session on April 8th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Long Valley Fire Station, 3605 Crowley Lake Drive, Crowley Lake, California.

Katie Durgin
Secretary to the Board