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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING October 13th, 2021

Date: Wednesday, October 13th, 2021
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: 3605 Crowley Lake Drive, Crowley Lake, CA 93546

Members Present: Tom Beveridge, Ron Day, Sharon Shaw

Members Absent: Hank Brown, Kim Czeschin

Others Present: Chief Vincent Maniaci, Secretary Katie Durgin, Volunteer Firefighter Carl Van Haren, ISU Massie Insurance Agent Ben Romo

Others Absent: None

1. Call to order, roll call, Pledge of Allegiance, and announcements. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. A moment of silence was observed to honor the life and service of Long Valley Fire Protection District Volunteer Firefighter Alex Millan. No announcements.
2. Opportunity for public to address the Board on non agendized items. No public present.
3. ISU Insurance Agent Ben Romo explains insurance situation to the Board. Given the issues the department has been having with the inaccurate workers compensation numbers, Chief Maniaci would like to switch from ISU Atwood to ISU Massie. Chief would also like to have Ben Romo be the insurance representee for the department. Chief Maniaci explained that Ben Romo knows Long Valley Fire Protection District, was a former volunteer firefighter, and has a good understanding of what the department needs. However, there is a non-compete agreement between ISU Atwood and ISU Massie. Due to this agreement, Chief Maniaci wrote a letter requesting to switch to ISU Massie and have Ben Romo be our representee. ISU Atwood had a problem with this; therefore, ISU Massie bought the workers compensation policy from ISU Atwood. ISU Atwood still holds the property liability and auto insurance policies for the time being. However, Chief Maniaci is currently pursuing a quote from George Petersen Insurance/Volunteer Fireman's Insurance Services (VFIS) for the other insurance policies.

Ben Romo presented the workers compensation policy proposal from State Compensation Insurance Fund (SCIF). Ben explained that he is inheriting this

information from ISU Atwood and is working to correct the numbers. Ben noted a few red flags that stood out to him from the proposal. The quote says we have two clerical office employees. Chief Maniaci clarified that the department only has one clerical office employee (i.e. Secretary to the Board) and that she should be on the telecommuter rate. Ben also emphasized that the quote is showing 67 volunteer firefighters for the department. The department averages around 27 volunteers and has never had 67 volunteers. Ben has emailed SCIF to correct these numbers and is waiting to hear back. He is working to understand where the 67 volunteers came from and to make sure all numbers are corrected and accurate.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the September 8th, 2021 regular meeting. A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER BEVERIDGE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2021 REGULAR MEETING. MOTION PASSED 3-0.
5. Chief's Report.
 - A. Volunteer's Report. Volunteer Carl Van Haren reported the latest volunteer trainings have been focusing on auto extraction. Last week the volunteers conducted a training in the shipping container maze. They also conducted a Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) drill. Carl reported on calls. He highlighted a more difficult call regarding a young woman needing medical assistance. Medical assistance was provided, however, the young woman passed away. Carl Van Haren is new to the department and looking forward to serving the Long Valley Community.
 - B. Report on Current Fire Department Activities, Assignments and Schedule for potential Board direction.
 - C. Long Range Planning Discussion.
 - (a) Personnel. No news.
 - (b) Airport. No news.
 - (c) Geothermal. No news.
 - (d) Station Maintenance. Devin Preston tinted the windows to station. He also had the sprinklers blown to prepare for winter.
 - (e) Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance. Mechanic Rigo Briviesca is completing the bits on the engines. Commissioner Beveridge asked if the loader needs any maintenance. Chief Maniaci responded that the loader does not need any maintenance. The new 3232 has a code that needs to be cleared by Cummings. Cummings will come to the department to clear the code.
 - (f) Airport MOU between Town of Mammoth Lakes and Long Valley Fire Protection District. Chief Maniaci has some corrections for the MOU

between the Town of Mammoth Lakes and Long Valley Fire Protection District. Chief Maniaci will follow up with Andy Morris to go over those corrections and update the MOU.

(g) Board of Forestry Fire Safe Regulations Discussion and Possible Action. No news.

(h) Scott SCBA Services. Scott is developing a plan to figure out how the SCBAs throughout the county will be serviced. Chief Maniaci put the department on the list to get our SCBAs serviced and requested an estimate of the cost.

6. Board Review/Approval of Payment Warrants since September 8th regular meeting. All Board members have reviewed the warrants since last regular meeting. A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DAY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BEVERIDGE TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT WARRANTS. MOTION PASSED 3-0.
7. Secretary to the Board Report. Secretary Durgin reported that the department should be receiving the Federal Tax Status of a Government Entity (4076c) letter from the IRS. This letter will explain tax exemptions for the department. Commissioner Shaw will scan/email the letter to Secretary Durgin as well as file it at the station. Secretary Durgin is anticipating the volunteer firefighter year-end stipend at the end of the month. Chief Maniaci will have Assistant Fire Chief Joseph Santos send Secretary Durgin the list of firefighters by Wednesday November 3rd, 2021 in order to submit the payroll by Monday, November 8th, 2021. Secretary Durgin reported that 3rd Quarter Tax Reports have been submitted. Secretary Durgin will send the reports to Commissioner Shaw to file at the station.
8. Review and adopt hold harmless agreement between Fire Dept. and Sheriff's Dept. No news. Carry over.
9. Update on Education Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF). No news. Carry over.
10. Review correspondence received since the last regular meeting. Chief Maniaci reported that the Gottwalds donated \$2,000 to the department. Secretary Durgin reported that John Supp with Fetcher Financial Company is waiting on final numbers from the county. Once Fetcher Financial receive the numbers, they will finalize the financial audit and send it to the department. Chief Maniaci reported that the department will be getting paid \$35,332.28 by the Forest Service for the Dexter Fire. Once we receive the funds, Chief Maniaci will provide the line item break down to Secretary Durgin.
11. Review and adjust current FY budget line items as necessary and accept. The Board reviewed the current FY budget line items. No changes were made.
12. New Business. Chief Maniaci ordered a plaque for Alex Millan to place at the station. Chief Maniaci found an obsidian rock to be placed at the station for Chris Baitx as well.

13. Call for Agenda items for next regular meeting. Review and adopt hold harmless agreement between Fire Dept. and Sheriff's Dept.; Update on ERAF.
14. Adjournment. A motion was made by Commissioner Beveridge, seconded by Commissioner Day, to adjourn the meeting and reconvene in regular session on November 10th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Long Valley Fire Station, 3605 Crowley Lake Drive, Crowley Lake, California. The motion passed 3-0.

Katie Durgin
Secretary to the Board