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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING February 9th, 2022

Date: Wednesday, February 9th, 2022
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: 3605 Crowley Lake Drive, Crowley Lake, CA 93546

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Chief Vincent Maniaci, Secretary Katie Durgin, Scott McGuire, Pete DeGeorge, Soibian Spring

Others Absent: None

1. Call to order, roll call, Pledge of Allegiance, and announcements. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. Commissioner Brown announced that the Board would like to thank Amanda Maniaci for all that she does to enable Chief Maniaci to serve on the department.
2. Opportunity for public to address the Board on non agenda items. No public present.
3. Approval of the Minutes of the January 12th, 2022 regular meeting. A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER BROWN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CZESCHIN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 12TH, 2022 REGULAR MEETING. Motion passed 5-0.
4. Chief's Report.
 - A. Volunteer's Report. Volunteer Scott McGuire reported on the emergency calls since last regular meeting. Scott highlighted one of the calls included a person with head injuries who had fallen 30 feet on Convict Lake Trail. The most recent weekly volunteer trainings have focused on ladder training. The volunteers will be covering CPR and Emergency Medical Response (EMR) training during the next couple of months. There are currently 32 active firefighters on the department.
 - B. Report on Current Fire Department Activities, Assignments and Schedule for potential Board direction. 4 calls since last regular meeting: 2 traffic collisions, 1 hazardous waste spill, and 1 medical aid. Chief Maniaci reported that Insurance

Services Office (ISO) will be conducting their tri-annual inspection of the district. The inspection will take place end of March.

C. Long Range Planning Discussion.

- (a) Personnel. Volunteer Soibian Spring spoke on behalf of the Long Valley Firefighters Association regarding their review of the Fire Chief Qualifications. Soibian thanked the Board for including the Association in this process and valuing their input. One of the items highlighted is that the Association would like to find a candidate within the community. Soibian commented on how the past Fire Chiefs up to now have done an amazing job at creating such a talented and committed volunteer firefighter community. The Association would like to do everything they can to continue this momentum. They would like to have a member from the Association to review applications and be a part of the interview process. Commissioner Brown suggested creating a sub-committee including two Commissioners and one member of the Association to present the Fire Chief position to the volunteers. The sub-committee will then conduct initial review of applications. If no one is found within the community, the department will look for a candidate outside of the community. One of the questions the Association had is if Long Valley Fire Protection District can pay for a full-time Fire Chief position. After discussion, the Board concluded that this is not an option. Scott McGuire brought up the possibility of distributing the workload of the Fire Chief position to several individuals. The Board agrees that delegation of workload can be beneficial however, the Board emphasized that the department needs a distinct Fire Chief.
- (b) Airport. No news.
- (c) Geothermal. No news.
- (d) Station Maintenance. Chief Maniaci reported that he has a list of spring-cleaning items to be completed. The cable for the roof heater is broken. Chief Maniaci is having this addressed by the volunteers.
- (e) Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance. Chief Maniaci and Billy Czeshin are working to get 3281 to the shop next week for repair.
- (f) Airport MOU between Town of Mammoth Lakes and Long Valley Fire Protection District. Chief Maniaci decided that the department will not do an MOU with the Town of Mammoth Lakes. Instead, Chief Maniaci drafted a letter that will be given to the Airport Deputy Manager stating the expectations of the department. Chief Maniaci provided the drafted letter to the Board to review.

- (g) Board of Forestry Fire Safe Regulations Discussion and Possible Action. No news.
 - (h) Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Service. No news.
5. Long Valley Fire Fighter Requirements. The Firefighter Requirements document was reviewed by all members present at the meeting. Minor edits and clarifications on wording were made. The major changes/conclusions are as follows. Regarding the application requirements for all firefighters, the Junior Firefighter Program was changed to state "12-16 years of age for Junior Firefighter Program-at the discretion of the Fire Chief with written Parental Consent." Regarding the requirement stating volunteers shall not respond to calls, work details, or training while under the influence of any substance including but not limited to prescription medications, over-the-counter medicines that may cause impairment, alcohol, marijuana, etc., this requirement needs to include "...or while experiencing symptoms of illness that may cause impairment." Regarding the requirement that firefighters shall attend all meetings, drills, and trainings as possible, the conclusion was made that all firefighters are expected to attend a minimum of 25 training sessions per year. Officers are expected to attend a minimum of 35 training sessions per year. Regarding the firefighter benefits requirements, the conclusion was made that firefighters must maintain a minimum of 33% of the total calls and training combined in order to receive the year-end check benefit. The firefighter Length of Service Award benefit needs to be clarified to say the Length of Service Award *Retirement* Benefit.
 6. Board Review/Approval of Payment Warrants since January 12th regular meeting. All Board members have reviewed the warrants since last regular meeting. A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER BROWN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BEVERIDGE TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT WARRANTS. MOTION PASSED 5-0.
 7. Secretary to the Board Report. Secretary Durgin reported that the Special District Government Compensation Report will be coming up in March.
 8. Update on Education Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF). Chief Maniaci will be setting up a meeting with the Mono County Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Bob Lawton to discuss ERAF. Carry over.
 9. Discussion on Solar Panel Installation at the Fire Station. The person Commissioner Day originally reached out to for solar panel installation has moved out of California. Commissioner Day will reach out to other contacts and follow up. Carry over.
 10. Review correspondence received since the last regular meeting. No correspondence.
 11. Review and adjust current FY budget line items as necessary and accept. Commissioner Brown asked what the expense was for line item #214 District Expense. Chief Maniaci responded the expense was from Maverick signs.

12. New Business. Chief Maniaci reported that the Long Valley Fire Protection District Bylaws need to be updated. Chief Maniaci will provide a draft for the updated Bylaws at next regular meeting.
13. Call for Agenda items for next regular meeting. Update on ERAF; Discussion on Solar Panel Installation at the Fire Station; Review Draft of Long Valley Fire Protection District Bylaws; Discussion on possible hiring of new Fire Chief.
14. Adjournment. A motion was made by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Day, to adjourn the meeting and reconvene in regular session on March 9th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Long Valley Fire Station, 3605 Crowley Lake Drive, Crowley Lake, California. The motion passed 5-0.

Katie Durgin
Secretary to the Board