

POLK COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO.1
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
June 8, 2017
6:00pm – Central Station

BOARD MEMBERS:

President Tom Snair
Secretary Joe Franko
Director Joost Vanderhave
Director Mike Lippsmeyer

ABSENT:

Vice President Terri Gregory

STAFF:

Fire Chief Ben Stange
DC Mike Mayfield
Office Administrator Susan Shepard
Office Assistant Mary Carlson

ABSENT:

DC Neal Olson

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: President Snair called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

Note: Meeting minutes will be recorded and kept for 60 months.

AUDIENCE REQUESTING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: Please sign Request List to address the Board located on the table in the back.

OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: No comments at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A) Approval of Disbursements for May1-31, 2017
- B) Finance report for the month of May 2017
- C) Approve May 8, 2017 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- D) Approve May 15, 2017 Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

President Snair – Asked the Board how they would like to take the Consent Agenda.

Director Vanderhave – Motioned to take the Consent Agenda as a whole.

Secretary Franko – Second.

President Snair – All in favor – opposed, none – motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Thank-you to departing Board Members and Welcome to new Board Members:

President Snair - Extended his thanks to Joost Vanderhave for his service on the Fire Board. He added that Terri Gregory is also leaving the Fire Board and is not here tonight. President Snair asked the Chief if he had anything to add.

Chief Stange - Stated Joost Vanderhave has been with the Fire District for the past 16 years starting in 2001 on the Budget Committee. He remembers Director Vanderhave as being very attentive to every detail and asking several questions, which established his position as an excellent representative of our taxpayers. Chief Stange added Director Vanderhave pushed us to be better and he believes that our Fire District is better today because of him. Chief Stange thanked Director Vanderhave for all the time he has given to his community.

Director Vanderhave – Stated he has enjoyed his position with the District and serving people in need. He welcomed newly elected Board Members Dennis King and Freeman Stutzman and encouraged them to ask questions.

- B) **Resolution No. 2017-04 to Adopt Budget for FY 2017-18:** President Snair read aloud Resolution No. 2017-04. He asked for a motion.
Director Lippsmeyer – Motioned to accept Resolution No. 2017-04 to Adopt Budget for FY 2017-18.
Secretary Franko – Second.
President Snair proceeded with a roll call vote:
Director Vanderhave – Aye
Secretary Franko – Aye
Director Lippsmeyer – Aye
President Snair – Aye
Director Gregory – Absent
President Snair –motion carried.

CHIEF’S REPORT:

A) **Ambulance Revenue/Calls Update:**

Chief Stange - Presented the Board with a handout from Springfield Ambulance Billing with the number of billed transports and the revenue collected within the fiscal years of 13-14, 14-15 and 15-16. He requested this report because at the Budget Committee meeting someone had questions about ambulance revenue. Chief Stange stated that our ambulance reimbursement revenue in 15-16 was essentially flat from 14-15. He explained that in the preceding years the District saw increasing call volumes along with increases in Medicare reimbursement rates. However, from FY 14-15 to FY 15-16, the call volume increased by only 2.21% while Medicare collection rates actually decreased by 2.47%.

B) **Changes in Staffing:**

Chief Stange - Stated our new employee Travis Smith will start on June 15th as a Firefighter/Paramedic in the daytime position.

Chief Stange - Stated Captain Kissell is out on a medical leave and a couple of former Residents and Volunteers who are now Paramedics are coming back to pick up some of those shifts. He thanked the Local for working with the District on getting non-represented employees hired to fill these shifts. He added the non-represented employees hired would allow us to have an adequate response force and ease up on some of the overtime costs.

C) **Notable Incidents:**

Chief Stange – Reported on a Motor Vehicle Accident at Gun club and Monmouth St. He added this incident involved heavy extrication before a very large crowd; crew did a great job.

Chief Stange – Reported on two fires. The first fire was on B Street in Independence and added there was no working smoke detector. There was a civilian injury and one near miss. There were 10 Firefighters responding in 10 minutes; and 20 in 20 minutes.

The second fire was on Independence Hwy., There were no injuries. Chief Stange stated 18 Firefighters responded in 10 minutes. He added both fires happened after 5pm, which resulted in a good turnout as volunteers were getting home from work.

D) **Lifesaving Awards:**

Chief Stange - Explained that Polk County Fire District No.1 has Lifesaving coins that are presented to individuals that acted in saving one’s life. Chief Stange recognized the crews from run #17-595. Engine 92 crew: Firefighter Mitch Traeger, Firefighter Chad Schoonhoven, Firefighter/Paramedic Mike Hasson and Division Chief Mike Mayfield. Medic 91’s crews from run 17-595; Firefighter Mickenzy Tootle, Lieutenant Rick Fletcher, Firefighter/EMT – Basic Wyatt Crofts, Firefighter/Paramedic Jennifer Wagner, and lead Paramedic on this run, Firefighter/Paramedic Alex Ovchinnikov. Shift Captain on March 29th was Chad Paoli.

They were thanked by the Chief and the Board for their performance in saving the life of a community member.

Chief Stange said that he had one more thing to mention - He announced that he will be taking some time off in December – he and Heather will be having an addition to their family!!!! A boy 😊

TOPICS FOLLOWING THE PREPARATION OF THE AGENDA:

Nothing at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None at this time.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Director Vanderhave – Goodbye! 😊

Secretary Franko – Extended his thanks to Joost Vanderhave.

Director Lippsmeyer – Stated he is proud of this department and extended thanks to everyone.

President Snair – Extended congratulation to Chief Stange and presented Joost Vanderhave with a Certificate of Appreciation for his service at Polk County Fire District No.1.

Chief Stange – Announced that there is cake and coffee as a thank you to departing Board Members and a welcome to the new Members.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35pm

Minutes by Mary Carlson