

## Meeting of the Board of Directors September 15, 2014

Gary Vess	-	Board President	Present
Ron Smithhisler	-	Board Vice-President	Present
James Furtado	-	Board of Directors	Present
Vern Heyer	-	Board Secretary	Present
Bob Shigley	-	Board of Directors	Absent
Greg Marlar	-	Fire Chief	Present
Margie Giusto	-	Admin Assistant	Present

President Gary Vess called the meeting to order at 18:30 hours and flag salute was given.

**Minutes of Previous Meetings:** Ron made a motion to approve the Board minutes for August 18, 2014. James Furtado seconded, motion carried unanimous.

**Disbursement of Funds & Finance Report:** Robert Wheeler stated that we received \$10,700.00 on previous taxes that were rolled into June for the last fiscal year. Robert stated that it's not listed on the financial report. Robert stated that you will see on the budget report the total for the year end.

Robert stated that we should be starting the audit soon. Robert stated that we did receive a miscellaneous income from Workers Comp. Chief Marlar stated that was for dividends and we should receive that income every year.

Chief Marlar stated that he had spoken with Robert and they put a total in the Operations Reserve fund of \$319,079.00. Chief Marlar stated that we have allocated for the next year \$250,000.00 more. So if everything goes the way we want we will have over \$500,000.00 in the reserve.

Robert Wheeler stated that we have a new issue that has come up. For 2011 one of the Firefighters was notified by the IRS that his W2 was duplicated. Robert stated that there were corrected W2 that went to the IRS but for some reason was not tagged corrected. Robert stated that he just found out and will do some more research and we he may have to go back and do amended W2 again for that year to fix the problem. Robert asked Chief Marlar if he wanted him to address this issue or have Steve Tuchscherer take care of it since he is already working with the IRS. Chief Marlar will follow up with Steve.

**James Furtado made a motion to accept Disbursement of Funds & Finance Report. Ron Smithhisler seconded, motion carried unanimous.**

**Chief's Report:** Chief Marlar stated that August call volume was down. Total calls for the month was 129.

Chief Marlar stated that they responded to a major Natural Cover Fire along I-5. Chief Marlar stated that it was caused by a vehicle's catalytic converter that started up to twelve fires and some of them merged into larger fires.

Chief Marlar stated that we had a really nice gathering at Captain Peterson's Retirement Party.

Chief Marlar stated that the phone company will be out Wednesday to complete their portion and then the alarm company can finish. Our system will be monitored 24/7. We will be paying Securecom a monthly fee of \$35.00 to monitor our system.

Chief Marlar stated that the hearing for the Unfair Labor Practice is schedule for November 6, 2014.

**James Furtado made a motion to accept the Chief's Report. Ron Smithhisler seconded, motion carried unanimous.**

**Old Business / Sub Committee Update:** Chief Marlar stated that the Sub Committee update. We have had about four meetings so far with Bob Shigley, Ron Smithhisler, Paul Jackson, and Roy Palmer. Chief Marlar stated that they have been looking at opportunities that we have for further operational efficiencies and consolidation. Chief Marlar stated that in the first meeting a merger consolidation was not in the cards because of the tax rate. Chief Marlar stated after some more studying and options in Oregon they have two things they can look at.

One is called a Fire Authority and the other was called further Operational Consolidation similar to what we are doing now. The Fire Authority is very popular in the state of California and Washington.

Chief Marlar stated that all a Fire Authority is an agreement between municipal governments to create a fire overhead district to provide services.

**Dillard Station Disposal Update:** Chief Marlar stated that he did get an updated bid where everything is spelled out per Boards request.

**New Business / Station Repainting Bid Process:** The Board consensus is that they would like the Fire Station painted. Leaving the Fire Station with the same color.

**Board Resolution 01-2015 demolition of Dillard Station:**

Ron Smithhisler made a motion for resolution authorizing the use of up to \$5,500 in funds for the demolition and removal of the Dillard Fire Station from the fiscal year 2014-2015 operational reserve fund. James Furtado seconded, motion carried unanimous.

**Employee Comments:** Captain Weiss wanted to let the board know that we have tons of garland and other Christmas decorations. So we don't need to buy anything this year.

**Good of Order:** Gary Vess thanked the Fire Dept. for going over to the Health Fair and also for showing up at the Melon Festival.

Margie Giusto stated that she enjoyed herself and gave out smoke detectors and fire hats, fire prevention supplies and even sold FireMed applications.

Chief Marlar stated that the smoke detectors are from the State Fire Marshal's Office, we are planning on getting some for Winston. We can store them on the apparatus and in the front office.

Vern Heyer showed the board what type of jacket he had received from the previous board and was wondering if the current board was interested in getting a board jacket. Vern stated that when you go to conferences you look a little more professional with the jackets.

Challenge of the Hero's is at Carlo's. September 18, 2014.

Chief Marlar wanted to remind everyone that FEMA was having a grant writing class at the Fire Station tomorrow night at 6:00 pm. If anyone would like to attend.

**Adjournment:** Seeing no further business to be discussed meeting adjourn at 7:25pm. The next regular meeting is October 20, 2014.