

INDIAN HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday November 15, 2023

The Minutes are intended to reflect the discussions that occurred and decisions that were made by the members; they are not intended to be a transcription of the meeting.

ATTENDEES:

Fire Protection District Board Members: Scott Kellar– President, Chris Vigil– Secretary, Marc Rosenberg– Treasurer, Scott Ryplewski, Kelley Lehman

Fire Department Members: Mark Forgy– Chief, Mike Fassula – Fire Captain, Pat Sears – EMS Captain

Non-Members: Anita Fritz– District Accountant, Angel Dee Manning– Recording Secretary

Other Attendees: None

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 19:01

The meeting was called to order by President Scott Kellar at 19:01 hours.

INTRODUCTIONS:

President Kellar welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

President Kellar called for any additions or suggested changes to the agenda and there were none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Treasurer Rosenberg made a *motion* to waive the reading of the October 2023 Meeting Minutes, which was seconded Director Ryplewski and passed unanimously.

Director Rosenberg made a *motion* to accept the October 2023 Minutes as amended. Director Ryplewski seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Monthly Financial Reports

Treasurer Rosenberg stated a budget increase of \$61k to district reserves. He then reviewed the financial report with the board. After reviewing, Director Rosenberg said he doesn't even really like numbers and made a *motion* to approve checks #14754-14774, automated payments, credit card expenses, and bank fees. Director Lehman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENT/OFFICERS' REPORTS:

District Updates – Fire Marshal

The fire marshal services activity report for November 1 – November 14 includes a will serve letter for detached garage on Shoshone, existing building inspections for Parmalee Elementary, Saunders & Johnson HVAC, and Eudaimonia. Chief Forgy stated that we will be seeing more on the fire marshal activity report as the yearly fire inspections are completed. The invoice for these services will be placed in line for payment.

Chief's Report

Chief — Mark Forgy

Chief Mark Forgy reported that we purchased the new laptops for the ambulances, half-funded by the EMTS grant and we are still working on installing the off-line software. He informed the board that Geneva Glen is confirmed for the Awards Banquet on January 20 and we are working on bids for food. He then gave an update on the Community Paramedics program, giving kudos to Suzannah Epperson for taking the lead and recognition of her enthusiasm to help the elders in the community. The calls for November are as follows: 2-Medicals, 2- MVAs, 1- Cancelled Enroute, 2- Lift Assist, 1-Good intent.

A total of 8 calls for October and 169 calls for 2023 to date.

Officers' Reports

Assistant Chief — Marc Rosenberg

Director Rosenberg reported that he will be out most of December.

Fire Captain — Mike Fassula

Fire Captain, Mike Fassula, congratulated Joe Mellberg and Sean Houghton for passing FFI. He reported that we have six new members this year and training is going great.

EMS Captain — Pat Sears

Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

EMTS Grant Status

The ambulances' new laptops were previously covered in the chief's report. Chief Forgy added he hopes the e-bikes are completed and ready for pick up soon.

NEW BUSINESS:

Statewide Evacuation and Clearance Time Modeling

Proposition HH Outcomes

President Kellar reviewed the new procedural requirements for the budget process if Proposition HH is successful, providing a short time to assess impacts for the 2024 budget year. Proposition HH will provide a short-term relief to taxpayers and will reduce the evaluations of property tax only.

Property Tax Relief Legislation

President Kellar reviewed with the board the SDA Property Tax Survey stating the district is not planning to certify less than the highest mill levy with a temporary credit in PTY2023, yet instead certify the current mill levy rate as the district is small and large capital expenses or fire apparatus replacement costs require building the reserve funds to execute those expenditures when needed.

ADJOURNED: 20:16

Director Rosenberg made the *motion* to adjourn the November 2023 IHFPD Board Meeting and Director Vigil seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, and the board meeting adjourned at 20:16.

President:

Secretary:

MOTIONS MADE AND PASSED:

- To waive the reading of the October 2023 Meeting Minutes. Motion made by Marc Rosenberg; seconded by Scott Ryplewski; unanimous.
- To approve the October 2023 Minutes. Motion made by Marc Rosenberg; seconded by Scott Ryplewski; unanimous.
- To approve financials. Motion made by Marc Rosenberg; seconded by Kelley Lehman; unanimous.
- To adjourn the November 2023 Meeting. Motion made by Marc Rosenberg; seconded by Chris Vigil; unanimous.