



Westside Fire District

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING

March 14, 2017

Chairman Gadsby called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Present were Commissioners Gadsby and Warren. Also present were Chief Stocking and Executive Assistant RuthAnn Zigler.

The Chief introduced our new firefighter, Jonah Pucci.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Warren made a motion to approve the Special Board meeting minutes on January 24, 2017 as presented. Commissioner Gadsby stepped down as Chair and seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Commissioner Warren made a motion to approve the Regular Board meeting minutes on February 7, 2017 as presented. Commissioner Gadsby stepped down as Chair and seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Commissioner Warren made a motion to approve the accounts payables as presented. Commissioner Gadsby stepped down as Chair and seconded the motion and the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

REPORTS

Chief's Monthly Report

Incident update: For the month of February we responded to 205 alarms – 120 Sandpoint, 76 Sagle and 9 Westside.

Website update: A few changes were recently made to the website and we will continue to update and change as needed.

Employee update: We are in the process of Captain testing to fill two (2) open positions.

Volunteer update: We have two (2) new volunteers in the Careywood area.

Training update: There are nine (9) people going through the EMT class being sponsored by Northside Fire.

Maintenance update: Nothing to report.

Other: The Chief asked the Board if they could arrive at the meetings thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled meeting time so they can read through the information and be prepared to begin the meetings promptly at 5:00 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PRIOR MEETINGS

Discussion and possible approval of Sleeper Program: The Chief presented the Board with a copy of the Sleeper Program policy which will be used to institute this program. If approved, the Sleeper Program will begin on April 1st.

Commissioner Warren made a motion to approve the Sleeper Program policy as presented. Commissioner Gadsby stepped down as Chair and seconded the motion and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and possible approval to adopt Resolution 17-01: Commissioner Warren made a motion to adopt Resolution 17-01 which is a resolution to adopt the 2012 International Fire Code. Commissioner Gadsby stepped down as Chair and seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Discussion and possible approval for a shared Battalion Chief Position: The Battalion Chief pilot program began last July and has been a great success. The Chief stated he would like to now make the program official, beginning on October 1, 2017. All three agencies – Sagle, Sandpoint and Westside will share in the stipend that the Battalion Captains will get. The estimated cost is approximately \$15,000 (which will be split between the agencies).

Commissioner Warren made a motion to approve sharing the Battalion Chief's position. Commissioner Gadsby stepped down as Chair and seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Discussion and possible appointment of District Secretary to Board: Commissioner Warren made a motion to remove Dale Hopkins from the records as Secretary of the Board. Commissioner Gadsby stepped down as Chair and seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Discussion on Budget Hearing Date: August 22, 2017 was scheduled for the 2017-2018 Budget Hearing and the Bonner County Clerk will be notified.

Discussion and possible adoption of Lease Agreement with the City of Dover: The Chief reported that he spoke with the Mayor and Attorney for the City of Dover and we need to establish a document for the Board's review, comments and approval. After discussion, the Board agreed to table this item until the April meeting and a full Board is in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Warren made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 p.m. Commissioner Gadsby stepped down as Chair and seconded the motion and the motion carried.