

PENN VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
PENN VALLEY, CALIFORNIA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
September 12, 2006

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Penn Valley Fire Protection District was called to order by Chairman Grundel at 6:30 P.M. at Station 43. Judy Ten Eyck led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken.

PRESENT

Directors: Kurt Grundel, Randy Casto, Roberto Garcia, and Bob Webster

Absent: Hank Weston

Others: Chief Vander Plaats, firefighters and auxiliary members

Secretary-Clerk: Debbie Hughes

PUBLIC COMMENTS

J. Ten Eyck requested that the Auxiliary would like the Thrift Shop to be painted. Chief Vander Plaats said he'd talk with Judy about getting this taken care of.

CONSENT CALENDAR

R. Casto motioned to approve the consent calendar. B. Webster seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

NEVADA COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

Questions were asked regarding the communications van that is being purchased with a grant from Weapons of Mass Destruction. Chief Vander Plaats explained that the maintenance is shared between the agencies. It could be used as an emergency command center if anything happened to the current ECC.

NEVADA COUNTY FIRE AGENCY

No meeting held.

PENN VALLEY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

See report in packet.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Vander Plaats reported:

- That the intern, who was going to join the Marines, isn't at this time. The FF/Medic that was possibly going to be hired at Sacramento Metro Fire wasn't, however he's in the process of testing at another fire department. FAE/Medic Grizzell remains off duty from surgery, he hopes to return within the next two months, but his Doctor has told him he'll probably need one year to recover.
- Negotiations are still in progress with S-SVEMS for the ambulance draft contract.

- That the District has several old pieces of surplus equipment, such as old SCBA bottles, Merlin phone system, radios, etc. and he'd like to be able to dispose of them. The idea would be through e-bay or checking with local volunteer fire departments to see if they are in need once a list is made. The items will not ever be used by the District and they are taking up space. The Board directed the Chief to write a Standard Operating Policy (SOP) regarding this and to update the board periodically how and what has been disposed of.
- Our old workers comp carrier FASIS used to bill us in advance for estimated payroll. At the end of the fiscal year they'd adjust to bill us for actual, and send an invoice or issue a refund. They are now stating that the formula was changed and we owe them money back, but Office Manager Faletti has kept excellent records and actually shows FASIS owes the District \$6,382. This item will be on their agenda October 19th and B. Faletti will attend the meeting.

NEVADA COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION (LAFCo)
ELECTION OF ALTERNATE SPECIAL DISTRICT MEMBER

R. Casto motioned to approve Resolution 2006-13 to nominate Kurt Grundel for Alternate Special District Member to fill a term ending May 4, 2009. R. Garcia seconded. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: R. Casto, K. Grundel, R. Garcia, And B. Webster NOES: None ABSENT: H. Weston ABSTAIN: None.

DISCUSSION/APPROVAL OF FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006/07

Chief Vander Plaats explained that the proposed final budget represents staffs best efforts to anticipate income and expenses for 2006/07. The reports also show final budget for 2005/06 and actually spent for 2005/06. The Chief said that the District doesn't have nor will receive enough income to pay for some of the items in building and equipment, so the board will have to decide what should be priority for purchasing. R. Garcia motioned to approve all three funds of the final 2006/07 budget. B. Webster seconded. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: R. Casto, K. Grundel, R. Garcia, B. Webster NOES: None ABSENT: H. Weston ABSTAIN: None.

RESOLUTION 2006-12 REQUESTING NEVADA CO. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO
APPROVE AND ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO ADJUST DEVELOPMENT FEES

Chief Vander Plaats informed the Board and public that this is a public hearing and was so advertised. He has been meeting with Nevada County Staff Hal DeGraw and Pat Ward to be certain he has their support for the adjustment before taking to the Board of Supervisors. The formula is the same that was used in the 1991 analysis done by The Abbey Group, and as expressed by Nevada County Staff needs to be currently used to justify the increase. The formula is District's total assets divided by total square footage of structures within the District. This comes out to .57 per square foot, an increase of 39% or .16 per square foot. The intent of the formula is to insure the fee is used to maintain the current level of service and not address past deficiencies or be used to provide a standard level of service that exceeds the existing level of service. R. Casto motioned to approve Resolution 2006-12 (Amending Resolution 1991-7). B. Webster seconded. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: R. Casto, K. Grundel, R. Garcia, B. Webster NOES: None ABSENT: H. Weston ABSTAIN: None.

RESCIND MOTION OF APPROVAL OF STATION 43 APPARATUS BAY ADDITION
CONTRACTOR

Chief Vander Plaats asked the board to rescind the motion from the August 1st meeting to award the bid to Gallup Construction, due to the fact that the public bidding policy in the Government Code wasn't followed. He's asking that the Board pass a motion rescinding the action taken and continue the project following proper public bidding procedure, using the assistance of an architect. A local Architect has been contacted and he said he could handle everything that needs to be done for a public building at a cost of approximately \$20,000. Battalion Chief Wagner has been in contact with Gallup Construction and Gallup has no problem with this. B. Webster motioned to rescind the motion made at the August 1, 2006 board meeting and to instruct staff to continue with the project using Site Line Architect. R. Garcia seconded. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: R. Casto, K. Grundel, R. Garcia, B. Webster NOES: None ABSENT: H. Weston ABSTAIN: None.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

K. Grundel referred to a report he received from North San Juan Fire Protection District who is entertaining the idea of consolidation, as well as exploring other ideas for their future. K. Grundel instructed staff to make copies for the other board members so they could read the report. At this point in time the discussion is being held within the NSJFPD only.

RECESS 8:04 PM to 8:15 PM

CLOSED SESSION

AT 8:15 the board went into closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 Labor Negotiations and Government Code Section 54956.8 Negotiations for Discussion of Real Property.

ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

At 9:25 pm the board came out of closed session and K. Grundel announced:

1. MOU negotiations are still open with full-time safety personnel.
2. MOU negotiations with full-time miscellaneous personnel are almost completed (some clarification is needed).
3. The Real Property Committee negotiations are still open.

ADJOURNMENT

The board adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Hughes
Secretary to the Board