

PENN VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
PENN VALLEY, CALIFORNIA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
March 4, 2008

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Penn Valley Fire Protection District was called to order by Chairman Grundel at 6:45 P.M. at Station 43. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken.

PRESENT

Directors: Larry Bailey, Bill Neville, Kurt Grundel, Bob Webster and Randy Casto

Absent: None

Others: Chief Vander Plaats and public

Secretary-Clerk: Debbie Hughes

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

R. Casto motioned to approve the consent calendar with some minor changes that were made to the minutes (changes will go in permanent copy). B. Webster seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

NEVADA COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

In addition to packet Chief Vander Plaats reported that:

- The engine bay where the command vehicle is housed at Station 91 was broken into with a chain saw. Damage was done to the vehicle and tools were stolen.

NEVADA COUNTY FIRE AGENCY

K. Grundel said the next meeting is March 27th.

PENN VALLEY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

They are participating in a Little League breakfast this Saturday.

CHIEF'S REPORT

In addition to the report in the packet Chief Vander Plaats said:

- R. West has been appointed to the 6th permanent engineer position after a testing process.
- He'd like to conduct a test for a Captain position. Currently if the Fire Chiefs are off duty at the same time the Senior FAE is in charge. It would be beneficial to have some personnel that can work out-of-grade as Captains. The position is

- already created in our Policy Manual.
- Grants – Received word that we didn't receive the Assistance to Firefighter Grant for the SAFER grant. However, we did receive a grant 5 or 6 years ago for turnouts; Joann Anders applied for this for us.
 - By-Laws – B. Neville is working with the Chief on these.

ORDINANCE 01-1 FEE SCHEDULE REVIEW

Chief Vander Plaats reported that he incorporated some changes that were discussed last month. The board requested that verbiage be clarified for flexibility related to billing. For instance if the law is clearly being violated we would probably bill for cost recovery, however the board wanted to give the Fire Chief the ability to waive the fees.

REVIEW TRAINING OFFICER'S REPORT FOR 2007 ACTIVITIES

Chief Vander Plaats stated that FAE Miller put together this 2007 training report. The training has increased 1/3 over last fiscal year. The board requested that all training be documented, not just the formal classes. K. Grundel asked that FAE Miller be thanked for his work on this project.

REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE FROM NORTH SAN JUAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

The letter from NSJFPD suggests we begin discussions with them about consolidation, cooperation and service improvements. Chief Vander Plaats recommends the District appoint 2 board members and pick a time and date to meet. The board members that previously opened a dialog with NCCFPD should be on this committee. B. Neville and R. Casto agreed to meet along with Chief Vander Plaats and 2 representatives from NSJFPD.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

1. Director Webster – He and R. Casto would like to start MOU negotiations with the miscellaneous office employees. Chief Vander Plaats said some things need to be changed in the safety employee's MOU. 1. The Uniform allowance has been changed to a voucher system instead of a straight \$600.00 annually. 2. The employees pay into PERS retirement for their specialty pay (Medic Pay), however when they retire PERS doesn't include that amount in their retirement formula. The Chief will draft the language and send to FAE Miller for "meet and confer".
2. Director Casto – He said he took it upon himself to look into a payroll service for the District (ADP). The reason being is that he's always used ADP services for the companies he's owned and it keeps you at arms length from any liability issues. They are working on a bid now in case we ever wanted to outsource it. If the payroll was ever outsourced we'd have to get more bids.
3. Director Grundel – Penn Valley Chamber of Commerce is on a membership drive, and he received a flyer to join. L. Bailey said he's a member already and he can ask for support affiliation for the District.
4. Director Bailey – The District put on a presentation to the SIRS Group in Lake Wildwood. The presentation was similar to the one done at the Auxiliary luncheon. L. Bailey said he was proud of the Chief because the presentation had just started when we received an emergency call and FAE Grizzell and FF Schiavo

had to leave, so the rest of the presentation was continued on by Chief Vander Plaats.

5. Director Neville – Nothing to report at this time.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Chief Vander Plaats said there was a bad car accident at Highway 20 and Timbucktoo. Smartsville FPD, our District and Bi-County all responded, however Smartsville lacked direction at this particular incident so our personnel took over and it was handled very well.

CORRESPONDENCE BOOK

Chief Vander Plaats said there are many donation thank you letters in there. A retired forester had an escaped debris burn on Bitney Springs Road. The next day he brought in candy and a \$1,000 donation. Our personnel are doing a good job and making a good impression on the public.

ADJOURNMENT The board adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Hughes
Secretary to the Board