

GOLDEN GATE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD MINUTES
Of
January 19, 2011

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The Board meeting was called to order by Board President Barbara Crawford at 6:07 p.m. The meeting was held at Fire Station #1, 32360 Robinson Hill Road. The tape recorder used to record the minutes for the meeting malfunctioned; therefore there were no recorded minutes for this meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Barbara led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Board Members present: Amy DeVos, Doug Miller, Barbara Crawford and Grant Ruesch. Mike Urban was not in attendance because of work. A vote was taken on Mike's absence and the Board unanimously excused Mike's absence secondary to work commitments.

Also in attendance: Cathy Kowitz, Administrative Assistant. Interim Fire Chief Jud Miller. Community members Sheila Carlon and Liz Heyner were in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Sheila asked about the filling of the vacancy on the Board and how it was done. She stated that there was interest from Douglas Mountain side of the District. Barbara stated that they had contacted people on both sides of the Canyon and found no interest from anyone. They contacted Mike and he stated he would take the Board position since they could find no one else.

**REGULAR AGENDA
MINUTES**

The minutes of the Regular Board meeting from December 15, 2010 were reviewed and presented as corrected. The minutes were unanimously approved by the Board.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Items 1 and 2 from unfinished business were deleted from the agenda since they had been handled at the special meeting held on January 17th. Doug had an addition to the Chief's report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Monthly Report: Amy Devos gave the Treasurer's Report. The Board reviewed the financial reports. The December Treasurer's Report was reviewed and was approved by the Board. Approval was given by the Board to pay the bills presented.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Jud Miller gave the Chief's report.

Emergency Calls: Jud stated that the fire department has responded to six calls since the last Board meeting; two EMS, two rescues and two fire calls. No fire loss for the month.

Membership update: Jud stated that there are eight regular members, nine probationary members (including three new ones) and two new applicants.

Misc: Jud stated that the stations appear to be in good shape. Rescue 881 had a belt replaced. 862,856 have no problems. Truck 852 has several issues. Two firefighters are interested in taking the FF 1 course. There are problems with the new pagers

RECRUITMENT

Jud stated that there are two new applicants.

GRANT UPDATE

Barbara stated that the VFA grant has been awarded to GGFPD for WL gear up to \$11,160 with a 50/50 match. Barbara also stated that she is to call about the Communications Grant since we have not received an acceptance letter yet.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications

Barbara stated that there is nothing new.

Water Management Task Force

Two additional cisterns have been identified. Cisterns are to be checked in February and March.

Community Outreach

The Board stated that getting information to residents is important and they discussed ways to get information out about meetings. The Board came up with a plan to build three signs to set out the day of any Board meeting, one at each Station and one on S. Douglas Mtn. Dr. Sheila Carlon offered to approach a family on Douglas Mtn. Dr. to see if they would manage that sign. Stan Crawford agreed to build the signs. The Board agreed there also needs to be a way to confirm Board meetings if the weather is inclement. The method agreed upon for now is to have residents call any Board member if they are unsure.

Leadership Task Force

Grant stated that more donations have come in, but it is going slowly. He had no new information.

Needs Survey

The fire department is working on purchasing a new truck.

Newsletter

A newsletter will be going out soon.

NEW BUSINESS

VOTE ON CANDIDATE FOR FIRE CHIEF

After discussion of the Chief interviews and all candidates, the Board took a roll call vote for the Fire Chief position. The Board unanimously (4-0) voted to offer the position to Jud Miller. Jud Miller was offered the position. He accepted and signed a contract for one year.

2011 MEETING SCHEDULE

The Board voted to hold the Board meetings for 2011 on the third Thursday of the month at 6 pm, except for April when the meeting will be held on Monday April 11th at 6 pm. The meetings will alternate between Stations 1 and 2. The Board passed the Resolution to set the notice for the Board meetings for 2011.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VOTE ON PROCEEDING WITH ENGINEERING DESIGN FOR CISTERN

Grant gave an update on the cistern for St. #1. He stated that the committee (Dannel Agar, Gerrit Verschuur, Robert Thiessen, Bill Marshall and Paul Grabowski) met. The Board unanimously approved to have Jehn Engineering provide technical specs for the cistern. Grant stated that the some or all of the cost for the technical specs can be applied to the cost for the tank installation. The Board also agreed to have Joe Jehn come speak to the Board at the March Board meeting.

PENSION PLAN DISCUSSION

Grant gave a brief overview of the current pension plan in place for the District.

LOSAP DISCUSSION

Grant provided a handout of a proposal for LOSAP (attached) and discussed it with the Board. Grant is to get with Chief Miller and Cathy on Saturday to review the record book to obtain pensionable years for each firefighter.

DISCUSSION AND RESOLUTION OF INTERNATION FIRE CODE

The Board discussed the amendments to the code and decided there needed to be further review of them. The Board is to vote on the code amendments at the March Board meeting.

UPCOMING DATES

A list of upcoming dates:

- February 17th 2011 - Pension Board and Regular Board meeting – St. #2, 6 pm
- March 17th 2011 - Regular Board meeting St. #1, 6 pm

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Amy Devos, Secretary

Board Member

ACTIONS TAKEN BY BOARD AT MEETING

- Board excused absence (4-0) of Board member Mike Urban
- Board approved motion (4-0) to offer Chief’s position to Jud Miller
- Board approved Resolution to Set Notice for 2011 Board meetings.
- Board approved have Jehn Engineering provide technical specs for the cistern at St. #1
- Signs to be built to announce Board meeting nights
- Board agreed to notify the public or they can check with any Board member if they are unsure about whether a scheduled meeting will be held due to inclement weather