

September 27, 2012

6,000 + 4,500 = 10,500

Newcastle Fire Protection District
Board of Directors

Directors:

We, the undersigned taxpayers of the Newcastle Fire Protection District, respectfully request that the Newcastle Board of Directors do not commit any more taxpayer dollars to feasibility studies for fire station sites until after the November 6th election. There are a number of budget uncertainties that will be resolved with the completion of the November 6th primary election in six weeks.

1. Jontia J. Elder
2. Dan Ward
3. Jim Compton
4. Dereen Compton
5. Willie R. ...
6. [Signature]
7. Bob Kelly
8. [Signature]
9. Paul ...
10. Connie Jordan
11. Mercedes ...
12. Jerry Elder
13. [Signature]
14. [Signature]
15. [Signature]
16. Shu Brand
- Mr. Jack Bran
18. R. H. ...

Wilma Powers
Joyce Shepherd
Donna Seidel
Dorrie Conyers
[Signature]
Roberta Housley

Susi Brown
Gerald Saladana
Lucy E. [unclear]

Condemn

21 st century Thesaurus & the dictionary list disrepair/falling down/crumbling/despair for other words instead of Condemn. Over the last 20 + years a Fire Board has used all of those words and more, yet only when this Fire Board used Condemned did we get your attention. In all honesty if we had NOT used the word would you be here?

Remember that our fire fighters spend one third of their life in this unsafe building. 48 hours on duty and 96 hours off.

Maintenance

We were chastised for our ongoing maintenance of the building. I don't know how long all of you have been in the area and are familiar with the fire station but in 1948 I had my first visit to this building. I was only 10 years old, it was raining and real windy and I remember a person couldn't stand near the windows or along the wall because you could feel the breeze come through.

At that time Newcastle had an all Volunteer fire department with one of the lowest operating budget. Most of the maintenance for building and equipment was barter. With the update of Cal Osha, State Fire Marshall and the ISO that can NOT be done any longer.

Chief Vega kept the fire trucks operating with volunteer work and his mechanical knowledge, but the liability laws won't let us do that any longer.

All of the Newcastle Fire Boards have done the best they could with what income they had just like most of you. Do you get the kids shoes this payday or fix the washing machine; do you put tires on the car or repair the lawn mower? Every family does this and so do all board of directors to some degree. Only difference is the cost. Tires for the fire

trucks run about \$500 each. Hoses must be purchased in different sizes. The turnouts, 2 sets each fire fighter have a use life and special maintenance after each use. Special pumps for the trucks, radios are always being improved and needed. Now its computers for all fire trucks that is required.

Your Newcastle Fire Department is still at the bottom or near the bottom of the list for operational costs, total budget income and employee pay. We are second from the bottom for cost to put a truck out the door for service.

We are in the 21 st century now and this board is working to bring this Fire Department into the 21 st Century with us. We CAN NOT do that in a 19th Century building or with 19th and 20th Century equipment or financial means.



NEWCASTLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Special Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Newcastle Elementary School

Staff Room

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Call to Order:

- Chairman Lewis called the NFPD Board of Directors Meeting to order at 6:28 p.m.

Roll Call:

- Chairman Lewis present, Vice- Chairman Stearns present, Secretary Calkins present, Director Orsolini present, and Director Poore present.

Pledge of Allegiance:

- Chairman Lewis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Closed Session

- Chairman Lewis read the closed session topic aloud.
- The following person(s) provided public comment:
 - Jim Jordan
- The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:31 p.m.
- Chairman Lewis re-convened the open session at 6:52 p.m.
- Chairman Lewis reported that no action was taken in the closed session.

Discussion/Information/Action

- Station 41 Update
 - Station 41 to be yellow tagged at any time.
 - VC Stearns reported that he and Director Poore has been in contact with Dan Robinson at Sierra Safety regarding a place to re-locate station 41 temporarily. Mr. Stearns stated that he received the following information:
 - Cost: \$600/month + utilities
 - Up to 2 Engines can be parked there at any given time.
 - VC Stearns reported that a couple of other possibilities had come up for possible sites. Mr. Stearns asked Rui Cunha, Assistant Director, Placer County OES to speak to this.
 - Mr. Cunha reported that surrounding departments are concerned about Newcastle Fire. In N. Auburn fire area their tax measure failed in June. Effective 11/1/12 Ophir station will more than likely be closing. BC Love approached Cal Fire Chief Brad Harris about the possibility of Newcastle running out of the Ophir station. Mr. Cunha further stated that the county would be open to having a conversation about Newcastle leasing the Ophir station temporarily. This would be a service reduction for the taxpayers in Newcastle as Ophir station is located outside of the NFPD boundaries. In addition to the Ophir station, there has been discussion regarding NFPD cohabitating with SPFPD at station 20 on King Rd. and Auburn-Folsom. Mr. Cunha has no knowledge of the outcome of discussions with Chief Bettencourt.
 - VC Stearns went on to report that according to Google Maps the following response times would be possible:
 - From Ophir station 182 to Newcastle station 41 is approx. 8 minutes.
 - From SPFPD station 20 to Newcastle station 41 is approx. 10 minutes.
 - From Ophir station 182 to Scott's Valley may be 20-25 minutes.
 - From SPFPD station 20 to Gold Hill Rd. may be 20-25 minutes.
 - BC Love reported that the AFD station at Maidu is currently occupied by the 49er ROP students.
 - Chief Brad Harris stated that the excessive response times from stations outside of the NFPD are not as important for fires, but the bread and butter for fire department's is medical aids. The first 6 minutes are critical for beginning basic life support. The goal is to start advanced life support and get the patient to a hospital and treatment started all within the "golden hour". After the first hour the patient may no longer be viable.
 - Deputy Chief Randy Smith reported that Newcastle's equipment would likely have to sit outside if we move into another fire department's station. Those agencies already house their equipment there.
 - Director Poore reported that Tim Wegner, Placer County CBO has been given a copy of the report received from Norman Scheel Structural Engineer. ATTACHMENT 1. Director Poore further stated that during his meeting with Mr. Wegner he was informed that the yellow tag will be placed and we will be forced to vacate station 41.

- Director Orsolini Aye
- Director Poore Aye

Motion carries.

- Secretary Calkins made a motion to authorize VC Stearns to expend a maximum of \$10,000.00 to facilitate the relocation of station 41. VC Stearns seconds the motion.

- Chairman Lewis Aye
- VC Stearns Aye
- Secretary Calkins Aye
- Director Orsolini Abstain
- Director Poore Aye

Motion carries.

- Chief Harris offered to get a Cal Fire hand crew and engines to help if needed.
- Many in attendance offered their pickup trucks for moving.

Announcements

- Dave Mackenroth, President of the NCA stated that there will be a Town Hall Meeting on October 9th in the gymnasium at 7:00 p.m. Measure K will be discussed and the candidates for the fire board will have an opportunity to speak.

Chairman Lewis continued the meeting to Monday, October 1, 2012 at 8:07 p.m. Clerk, Patrice Metz indicated that she will confirm the location (either the staff room or the gymnasium on 9/28/12.) The time will be 6:30 p.m.

Minutes Prepared By:

Minutes Approved By:

Patrice Metz, Clerk

Yvonne Lewis, Chairman of the Board