

## Minutes of the NFPD Regular Meeting: October 17, 2017

### **1. Call To Order; Flag Salute**

Chairman Sprouse convened the regular meeting at 6 p.m.

Directors in Attendance: Eric Sprouse, Jonita Elder, Bill Kahrl, Lawrence Bettencourt, Robin Enos

Staff in Attendance: Chief Kushen

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Elder

### **2. Agenda Approval**

The agenda was approved and accepted as posted (**Elder/Bettencourt**)

### **3. Approval of Minutes:**

Director Elder asked that Action Item 11A include the fact there was only one company's bid on the first stage of the fire house because the businesses which had previously bid were too busy to submit bids at this time.

Director Bettencourt would like Action Item 11 B2017-10 to read: "...to authorize the use of fire district *mitigation* fees assigned for Capitol assets...."

The corrected minutes were approved unanimously. (**Elder/Bettencourt**)

### **4. Bill Approval and Financial Report**

Chief Kushen reports that the county was late in delivering the budget, but he did notice that #22405 was high because of a/c costs and we expended the funds from #4455 because of the purchase of the Jaws of Life.

### **5. Correspondence:** None

### **6. Public Comment:** None

### **7. Fire Chief Kushen's Report:**

The Department has had 44 calls in the last month. 13 were fire, 17 medical aid, 4 motor vehicle accidents, and 10 miscellaneous. We received approval from Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley EMS to upgrade our ELS skill parameters to administer Narcan, epinephrine and other drugs/devices/diagnostic tools previously not available to us. Chief applied for and received approval for the SSP EMS grant to purchase the new items and training. We also will be receiving a new defibrillator and new O2 bottles.

There was discussion of changing the Physician of record.

Chief reports that the first meeting of the Placer County Fire District Financial Stability Task Force occurred. This board is tasked with the responsibility of exploring available options towards maintaining fiscal stability of smaller districts. We need to address the critical staffing shortage by collaborating with other districts and present a plan to raise wages and benefits to be comparable to the South Placer District.

The Board would like to express their appreciation Captain Potter for his work in helping to secure funding for upgrading ELS skills.

### **8. Newcastle Professional Firefighter's Association Report:** None

**9. Board Committee Reports:**

***(A) Building Committee: New Fire station update.***

Director Bettencourt reports that Caltrans has requested an update for our storm water prevention plan to include the area where we are getting the dirt from. This has been completed and we hope to have the permit by the end of the week. Also, we sent a hardship letter to SP Mud and they are willing to work with us. There is further negotiation needed. Our architect, Mr. Lichau will be here at next month's meeting.

**10. Informational/Non-Action Items**

***(A) Staff looking into updating the Fire Mitigation Fee Schedule for new construction.***

This is still moving forward.

***(B) Status of the Van Pelt parade vehicle.***

The pink slip has somehow moved into Captain Hickok's name. Captain Kushen believes that this engine should be a part of the community. Chairman Sprouse says that there is an issue with the non-profit status of the volunteer association. The fire truck did belong to the District until 2012 when it was transferred into the Volunteer Association. The District is currently paying the insurance on the truck. The Board suggests that we contact our council to help clear this up.

**11. Action Items: None**

**12: Director Reports**

Director Kahrl will not be attending the November meeting.

**13. Meeting Adjourned at 6:58 p.m.**

**Next regular meeting:** Wednesday, November 15, 2017

Location: 461 Main Street, Newcastle

Respectfully submitted by

Heather Pier

Recording Secretary