

Newcastle Fire Protection District
Minutes of Regular Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, September 19, 2018
461 Main St.
Newcastle, CA 95658

1. Call Meeting to Order

- a. Chairman Elder called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
- b. VC Bettencourt led the Flag Salute.
- c. All Directors were present.
- d. Chief Kushen was in attendance.

2. Approval of Agenda

- a. VC Bettencourt made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Director Enos seconds the motion. Motion carries.

3. Approval of Minutes

- a. Secretary Kahrl made a motion to approve the minutes of the 8/16/2018 meeting as presented. VC Bettencourt seconds the motion. Motion carries with Director Sprouse abstaining.

4. Bill Approval and Financial Report

- a. Chief Kushen reported the following:
 - i. Placer County is having issues with their new accounting system and have not been able to provide financial reports for FM 1 or 2. They have indicated that they hope to have reports available by 9/30.
 - ii. The Final 18/19 Operating Budget will be presented to the board for approval at tonight's meeting.
 - iii. Director Enos made a motion to approve the financial report. VC Bettencourt seconds the motion. Motion carries.

5. Correspondence

- a. None

6. Public Comment

- a. Susie Brown spoke to the Board about the Hidden Falls Project. There is a proposal to expand Hidden Falls. This will entail road easements. The project is set to cost approx. \$18M. All Placer County residents will end up bearing the cost of this project. There is a Parks Department meeting on 9/20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Department chambers.
- b. Mike Antuzzi addressed the Board regarding the parking lot adjacent to Station 41. He is going to need that parking space for the businesses in the area so some kind of agreement with the fire district will need to be reached since the district parks vehicles there.

7. Fire Chief's Report

- a. In August, there were 60 calls:
 - i. 33 Medicals
 - ii. 2 Vegetation Fires
 - iii. 3 Structure Fire
 - iv. 5 Vehicle Accidents
 - v. 2 Haz Mats
 - vi. 15 Miscellaneous

- b. Newcastle was deployed as part of Strike Team 4130C on the North Fire for 6 days. Chief Kushen is considering ending the seasonal employees' term. This will allow for bringing him on earlier for 2019 fire season.
- c. Expanding Volunteer Program
 - i. Andrew Pullman – Starting Sierra College Academy in December.
 - ii. Captain Hicks is managing the program
- d. Fit Test machine has been calibrated and returned to NEW.
 - iii. Reference to Chief's letter regarding cost sharing.
- e. Continuing grant writing
 - iv. Captain Slusher has written a successful grant for a new training facility at PH.
 - v. Prevention Grant –
 - 1. 1 year funding. Vern Brothers is the new Fire Marshal.
 - vi. FH has been awarded a SAFER grant to add a 4th person to their daily staffing.
 - vii. APCD – has granted request to engine swap between PH and NEW.

8. Newcastle Professional Firefighter's Association

- a. None

9. Board Committee Reports

- a. Building Committee: New Fire Station Update
 - i. VP Bettencourt reported the following:
 - 1) Chief Kushen and VC Bettencourt met with Jonathon Schmidt in the Placer County Treasurer's office. They were inquiring about borrowing an additional \$100K for the new station construction. Mr. Schmidt said it shouldn't be a problem. The district will need to supply a copy of their 10 year plan and their current operating budget. He should have an answer in about a week and a half.
 - 2) Youngdahl is submitting paperwork to get the storm water permit closed now that vegetation is starting to grow.
 - 3) The generator talked about at the August meeting has been procured. VC Bettencourt will service and store the equipment until needed.

10. Informational/Non-Action Items

- a. Placer County Fire Districts Stability Task Force Update
 - i. Chief Kushen will attend a meeting on 9/25. Was waiting for outcome of FH election. County doing a "Standards of Service" study.
- b. Already discussed in agenda item 7. e. vii.

11. Action Items

- a. Consider and approve a Joint Operations Agreement with PHFPD, FFPD and NFPD for the purpose of providing Reciprocal Fire Protection and Related Services.
 - i. Chief Kushen reported that this is the same agreement as was presented at the last meeting except that FH has been added to the mix.
 - ii. Secretary Kahrl made a motion to approve the JOA as presented. Director Enos seconds the motion. Agreement is approved.
- b. Consider and adopt the final 2018/2019 Operating Budget.
 - i. VC Bettencourt made a motion to adopt the final 18/19 Operating Budget as presented. Director Enos seconds the motion.
 - 1) Elder AYE
 - 2) Bettencourt AYE

- 3) Kahrl AYE
- 4) Sprouse AYE
- 5) Enos AYE

Budget is adopted.

- c. Consider and approve the GANN Limit for FY 18/19 at \$1,374,647.87 as calculated by the Placer County Auditor-Controller's Office.
 - i. VC Bettencourt made a motion to approve the GANN limit for FY 18/19 as presented. Director Enos seconds the motion. Motion carries.

12. Directors Reports:

- a. None

13. Chairman Elder adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

THE OCTOBER 17TH MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 645 KENTUCKY GREENS WY.

Respectfully Submitted By:



Patrice Metz, Recording Secretary

Approved By:
