

Newcastle Fire Protection District
Minutes of Regular Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, April 17 2019
461 Main St.
Newcastle, CA 95658

1. Call Meeting to Order

- a. Vice Chairman Elder called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.
- b. Director Enos led the Flag Salute.
- c. Elder, Kahrl and Enos were present. Bettencourt and Sprouse were absent.
- d. Chief Kushen was in attendance.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Approval of Minutes

- i. Secretary Kahrl made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 20th regular meeting as presented. Director Enos seconds the motion. Motion carries.

4. Bill Approval and Financial Report

- a. Chief Kushen reported the following:
 - i. General revenues are consistent with the budget.
 - ii. Development Fees:
 - 1) 2 new home starts
 - 2) 6 additions
 - 3) 7 garages
 - 4) 2 commercial buildings
 - iii. Expenses:
 - 1) Over budget in equipment and apparatus maintenance.
 - 2) Slightly over in Special District expense but don't foresee going over budget.
 - 3) Utilities are slightly over.
 - 4) Salaries are over due to strike team/cover assignments and coverage for sick/vacation time.
 - 5) Any accounts over budget should be offset by revenues from strike teams and cover assignments.

5. Correspondence

- i. Secretary Kahrl reported that he received an email from Dane Wadle who is the CSDA Field Coordinator for Placer County. Her email requested to discuss the possibility of NFPD supporting ACA 1. ACA 1 is a proposed amendment to the States constitution that would allow fire districts to pass special taxes with a 55% voter threshold vs. the current 66.7% voter threshold.
 - 1) There was open discussion between the Board and audience about this. Secretary Kahrl, Chairman Elder and Director Enos all indicated that they would not be in favor of supporting ACA 1.

6. Public Comment

- a. None

7. Fire Chief's Report

- a. Calls total for March = 40
- b. Engineer Kolster has resigned, his last day was 4/15/2019.
- c. E41 is ready to go, it just needs brakes.
- d. Old E41 is permanently out of service. It has been stripped and will be taken to a dismantler soon. The money from the dismantler will be used to offset the cost of radio installations, magnetic door emblems and other expenses related to putting the Rio Vista engine in service.
- e. We currently have 6 sets of structural turnouts that were purchased in 2017 and are assigned to our frontline personnel. We have 20 sets of older turnouts expiring 2021.
- f. With the continued health issues related to FF cancer exposures from both incident contaminated turnouts and deteriorated liners, it is imperative that we develop a plan to begin replacing our older turnouts. We should have a second set for our permanent employees and we must have spares for our Volunteers and Interns. We need to develop a plan to purchase at least 12 additional sets within the next two years at approximately \$2K per set.
- g. We have applied for a PPE grant through CSFA for combination Career/Volunteer departments.
- h. We were not selected to receive the "Ready Set Go" grant we applied for. This would have helped with hazardous fuels reduction projects.
- i. The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board approved the Notice of Termination and the WDID number is terminated. NFPD no longer monitor the new station site for erosion/runoff.
- j. Fire Marshal Brothers has developed a new form for Defensible Space Inspections. It will be distributed to station personnel with a carbon copy duplicate to hand to the customer following the inspection.
- k. The new County Hazardous Reduction/Abatement Ordinance will be completed by the end of the month. We will be developing additional district specific ordinances to address any local hazards.
- l. Commercial business inspections are now ready for tracking and will be submitted monthly through Fire Recovery for reimbursement of costs for providing the services.
- m. We have almost completed the development of the new multi district Fire Prevention Plan based on OSHA CFR 1910.39.

8. Newcastle Professional Firefighter's Association

- a. Engineer McCoy Reported:
 - i. Shirts are for sale.
 - ii. Pint glasses are for sale.
 - iii. NPFA made a donation to PHF PAC in support of their upcoming tax measure.
 - iv. NPFA will be sending a Letter of Intent to the District to open MOU negotiations.

9. Board Committee Reports

- a. Building Committee: New Fire Station Update (VC Elder reporting)
 - i. Our plans are in review by Brian Toppel. Ron Lichau believes they will be ready to turn in by the first of next week.

10. Informational/Non-Action Items

- a. Update on the Lexipol's policies and procedures.
 - i. Chief Kushen reported:
 - 1) Next meeting will be scheduled as soon as all representatives have submitted their documents.

11. Action Items

- a. Consider and vote for up to 3 members for the FASIS Board of Directors.
 - i. Recording Secretary Metz explained the background of FASIS and why the NFPD Board was being asked to vote. Patrice further reported that the Foresthill Fire Board only voted for one, Gary Grenfell. Mr. Grenfell came highly recommended by a FHF Medic. Another advantage of Mr. Grenfell is that the fire districts in Placer County would be represented by one of their own.
 - ii. Director Enos made a motion to cast the NFPD vote for Mr. Grenfell to the FASIS board of directors. Chairman Elder seconds the motion. Motion carries.
- b. Consider and adopt resolutions to adjust the special tax measures by the consumer price index for 2019.
 - i. Resolution No. 19-01 Special Tax Measure B.
 - 1) Director Enos made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 19-01 as presented (3% increase). Secretary Kahrl seconds the motion
 - a. Bettencourt ABSENT
 - b. Elder AYE
 - c. Kahrl AYE
 - d. Sprouse ABSENT
 - e. Enos AYE
 - 2) Resolution is adopted.
 - ii. Resolution No. 19-02 Special Tax Measure F.
 - 1) Director Enos made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 19-02 as presented (3.5% increase). Secretary Kahrl seconds the motion
 - a. Bettencourt ABSENT
 - b. Elder AYE
 - c. Kahrl AYE
 - d. Sprouse ABSENT
 - e. Enos AYE
 - 2) Resolution is adopted.

12. Directors Reports:

- a. None

13. VC Elder adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:


Patrice Metz, Recording Secretary

Approved