

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING: December 27, 2023

17020 Placer Hills Rd. Suite 2A, Meadow Vista and by a Zoom teleconference.

1. Call to order; Flag salute; Roll call:

President Hills convened the regular meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Directors in attendance: Harvey, Hills, Lofrano, McCray and Wright

Directors absent: None.

Staff in attendance: Fire Chief Ian Gow, Fire Marshal D'Ambrogi, District Manager Gillian Lofrano, District Manager Michelle Armstrong and Battalion Chief Williamson.

2. Agenda approval:

Director Harvey moved to approve the agenda. Director Lofrano seconded the motion which passed 5 to 0.

3. Approval of the minutes:

Director McCray moved to approve the minutes. Director Harvey seconded the motion which passed 5 to 0.

4. Public Comment: None.

5. Correspondence (not covered in Agenda items below): None.

6. Information Items:

a. Fire Chief Gow's Report

- i. Placer Hills and its board members have met with Assemblyman Kiley and Patterson. Assemblyman Patterson especially seems to have a feel for the issues the fire service is facing and we are working to schedule a follow up phone call.
- ii. The security systems at Station 85 and the Admin Office have been augmented, by adding cameras.
- iii. At Penryn the issue with radio tones have been corrected. A committee has started to look into a new type 3 and they are supplanting the old type 3 and a vehicle.
- iv. At Newcastle new breathing apparatus has been ordered for \$80,000.

b. Fire Marshal D'Ambrogi's report

- i. Inspections conducted: 4 single family dwelling, 3 hydro rough inspections, 4 final single-family dwellings
- ii. Inspections fees have slowed down a bit, anticipate in picking back up in the spring. Currently at around 48%.
- iii. Planning: Winchester doing a major fuel reduction project, anticipate it being a 2-3 year project for 27 acres.
- iv. Comment period for the notice of preparation for the placer county rezone project was opened. Submitted a comment on how the building will have a significant

impact on the fire service. This comment led the county consultant to reach out to collect additional input on the impacts.

c. Battalion Chief Williamson

- i. For November; 111 total calls for service, 13 mutual aid given and 1 mutual aid received.
- ii. For the Year; 1,448 calls, 89 Fires, 763 Medical Aids, 51 Hazardous Conditions, 107 Service Calls, 35 false alarms, 2 severe incidents, 2 special incidents
- iii. Poured concrete at station 86 and moving the barracks out at station 85
- iv. Major Incident; CPR call of an infant in colfax & vehicle accident

d. Placer Hills Firefighters Association report: None.

e. Local 3800: Negotiation meeting has been scheduled for Jan 8th.

f. Board Committee reports:

- i. Finance Committee: Director Hills reported that two meetings has been held to discuss labor negotiations and the proposed costs.
- ii. Long Range Committee: None.
- iii. Ad hoc Committee for reorganizations: Director Hills reported that the financial documents continue to be updated as data comes in. Hoping the consultant gets the MSR to LAFCO in January.
- iv. Ad hoc Committee for the Applegate Civic Center Properties: Director Lofrano reported that they met one more time to discuss internet issues. Recommend that they look into the same system that we use at station 85. Library could be a building we could use in the future and asked for a first right of refusal. Director Harvey suggested that we dissolve the committee.

7. Discussion and Action Items:

a. Public hearing to consider and approve Resolution No. 2023-09 Adopting an Annual Fee Report and Capital Improvement Plan to Update The Fire Facilities Impact and Mitigation Fee Schedule (action):

Chief D'Ambrogi reported that the county requested that we complete a new process with at Capital Improvement Plan and a review of the budget. If approved it will be submitted to the county for approval. The new fees will be implemented 60 days after approval. It was suggested the fees be reevaluated annually.

Public Hearing Opened at 6:21pm by Director Hills

No public comment

Public Hearing Closed at 6:22pm by Director Hills

Director Lofrano motioned to approve the resolution. Director Harvey seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

b. Consider and Approve the second reading of the Capitalization Policy (action):

Director Wright motioned to approve the policy. Director MCray seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

c. Approve the Budget update and monthly expenses (action):

Per Chief Gow, nothing significant to report. Director Wright motioned to approve the Budget, Director Harvey seconded, which passed 5-0.

d. Consider and approve meeting dates for 2024 (action):

Director Wright motions to approve the dates. Director Lofrano seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

The open meeting was adjourned at and the Board went into Closed Session.

e. Closed Sessions

- i. Pursuant to California Govt. Code § 54957.6(a) **LABOR NEGOTIATIONS;** Discussion of the Memorandum of Understanding with Local 3800, District negotiators: Harvey and Lofrano.

The open meeting was reconvened at 7:43 pm.

The board provided direction to the labor committee on negotiations with the Local 3800

8. Directors' comments:

a. *Report on activities of interest to the District which the Director is engaged in or is considering. No action will be taken on these items at this meeting.*

b. *Reminder of next Board meeting(s): February 28th, 2024.*

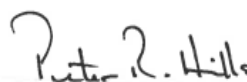
9. Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:



Michelle Armstrong, District Manager



Approved by: _____
Peter Hills, President