

GENESEE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Minutes of July 19, 2023
Board of Directors' Meeting

Board Members in Attendance: Nancy Balter, JP Brewer, Scott Mefford

Board Members Excused: Patti Harris, Susan Eagle

Also Attending: Jason Puffett, Christina Jantzeff (by Zoom), Joe Auster, Dorie Dalton, Dave Staycar, Shannon Fuller (by Zoom)

Call to Order: 18:04 by Director Mefford

Minutes of Prior Meetings:

- A motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously to accept the minutes of the June 21, 2023 Board meeting.

Public Comment and Announcements:

- Dave Stajcar, member of the Foothills Fire Protection District Board, expressed the desire that members of each of the Boards get to know each other and understand, and learn from each other, about the issues and approaches the Board deals with

Financial Reports

- **Review of June Financials**
 - The June, 2023 financial report was presented by Christina Jantzeff.
 - A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to accept the year-to-date financials as presented.
- **Review of Notable Payables:** none
- **Audit:**
 - Christina Jantzeff suggested that the Board approve the audit so that the necessary paperwork can be filed in a timely manner.
 - The Board discussed the decrease in interaction between the auditors and GFPD this year compared to previous years.
 - A motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously to accept the report of the audit.
 - After the discussion was completed, Shannon Fuller, representing Haynie & Co., joined the zoom meeting and briefly summarized the audit findings.

Reports of Officers, Committees, Professional Consultants

- **Wildland Specialist Dorie Dalton's Report**
 - Photos from the 4th of July parade, various trainings, and GFR responses were presented.
 - Wildfire Prepared assessments continue and are booked through August.
 - The first weekend of slash drop-off was a success and logistically much better than last year. There were a total of 49 slash drop-offs. It appears that the total amount of slash will be similar to last year.
 - The next neighborhood walk-through will be in Genesee Village.
- **Deputy Chief Joe Auster's Report**
 - 152 calls to date; good response times and participation. Total training hours 2300 hours. There are more direct EMT responses than this time last year.
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- **Apparatus:**
 - The Ward filter on 971 had to be replaced at a cost of just under \$8,000.
- **Recruiting:**
 - A new candidate (via the website) has been interviewed and recommended to begin the vetting process.
- **Facilities:**
 - All good
 - Garden moving forward
- **Medical:**
 - Several trainings a month are offered.
- **Wildland:**
 - apparatus has been statussed for calls, but it has been quiet so far.
- **Marketing/Branding:**
 - moving forward
- **Auxiliary:**
 - nothing new
- **Mental Health Coordinator:**
 - Graehm Warner discussed resources available at the last membership meeting.

Old Business

- **Staffing Update:**
 - A conditional offer has been to and accepted by Max Herte. His first day will be August 2.
- **Emergency Access Road update:**
 - Chief Puffett will meet next week with Diane Davies about changes in the easement agreement. Once completed, permits can be applied for and an engineering study to estimate cost can be completed.

New Business:

- **Solar Analysis**
 - Chief Puffett circulated an analysis of cost and payback timing for solar at the station.
 - Assuming that the cost is offset by the Cash-in lieu-of Credit provision of the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, the payback time is 8-9 years.
 - Chief Puffett will check into the specifics of this provision to understand how it works and confirm that GFPD would be eligible for the offset.
- **Trailer Purchase and Donation**
 - Chief Puffett checked with the Board about accepting a donation of a trailer from Fritz Ihrig, and purchasing a trailer from Deputy Chief Auster. Both trailers have been borrowed by the Department over the years, and the Board had no issues with either the donation or the purchase.

There being no further business, the Board meeting was adjourned at 19:29.