

APPLE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

June 17, 2014

1.0 CALL TO ORDER: President Leary at 6:00 PM.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Director Earp.

3.0 ROLL CALL:

Present: Director Jeffs, Director Tinsley, Director Earp, President Leary

Absent: Vice President Hanson

4.0 SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: None.

5.0 PUBLIC COMMENT:

.01 Doug Qualls, a member of the CSAVES (Community Supporting Apple Valley Emergency Services) committee for the special tax measure, spoke about Measure G and the special election that was held on June 3, 2014. Mr. Qualls shared his thoughts and reflections on the disappointing results of the special election and made some comments on possible future considerations when going out for the special tax measure. Some specific observations were:

- Keep the basic Measure V structure in place.
- Stated an increase of approximately \$24 per year was appropriate
- Keep the 20-year sunset
- Keep the ballot language the same with a small change regarding the CPI increase.

Mr. Qualls praised the Board, the Fire Chief and those who participated in the campaign for keeping the campaign positive and educational noting the success of the campaign website and the FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) sheets.

He further noted that the Measure G campaign failed to be prepared for the vocal and passionate opposition at the end. He also suggested that any future campaign include more community interaction such as community workshops.

Mr. Qualls concluded his comments by reminding the Board that the District got 60% of the voters' support and is convinced that a repackaged campaign will be successful.

6.0 DIRECTORS' RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

.01 Director Earp:

- a. Thanked Doug Qualls.
- b. Noted a 670 vote swing would have given the election a different result.
- c. Pointed out the unfortunate circumstance of the Cal Fire tax coming out at the same time.
- d. Felt we put out the right message.
- e. Mentioned the District should consider going back out with a measure in November.
- f. Thanked Buddy (Peratt) and everyone in the room for their hard work and effort.

.02 Director Tinsley:

- a. Agreed with everything said.
- b. Stated his belief that we didn't get everyone to the polls.

- c. Noted the special tax measure was the right thing to do and the right thing for the community.
- d. Expressed his desire to do what he was appointed and the rest of the Board was elected to do by getting this measure passed.
- e. Professed his appreciation for everyone's efforts.

.03 Director Jeffs:

- a. Expressed his thanks to the CSAVES committee and everyone who participated in the special tax measure campaign.
- b. Remarked that maybe November would be the right time or a better time for a tax measure.
- c. Queried whether or not going out again in November 2014 is the right time and whether or not it is too soon.
- d. Confessed he thought the special tax measure would pass.

.04 President Leary:

- a. Remarked that a lower voter turnout can distort the numbers and make a big difference.
- b. Pointed out that the Board intentionally chose to go out in June 2014.
- c. Suggested the Board consider getting some professional help with a future measure.
- d. Said that maybe November with a national election would be a better time to bring a measure.
- e. Observed there were a few things that could have been done differently in the special election.
- f. Voiced his concern that there were not adequate campaign contributions.
- g. Expressed his opinion that there should be more community involvement.
- f. Observed that waiting to go out again for the special tax measure in the primaries of 2016 or in November 2016 the campaign would be starting over again from scratch.

At this point President Leary with a verbal assent consensus from the Board opened the discussion to Staff and invited Chief Hultquist and Captain Buddy Peratt to join the conversation.

.05 Chief Hultquist:

- a. Briefed the Board on some of the items that have been trending in the news that affect the voters' pocket books like the increases with electric, gas and water bills along with the fees to Cal Fire in the SRA (State Responsibility Area).
- b. Referenced his concerns about whether there was enough time to mount an effective campaign for a November 2014 measure.
- c. Pledged his full support and commitment to any decision the Board may make regarding the special tax measure.
- d. Cited concerns about the depletion of available campaign funds from the PFA and the community.
- e. Spoke of consideration of a new strategy.
- f. Asserted the need for a debriefing of the campaign and its results.
- g. Agreed with comments that perhaps professional assistance might be considered.
- h. Suggested an evaluation of the precincts to see where we were strong and where we could improve with the voters.

.06 Captain Peratt:

- a. Professed he had been thinking a lot about the special tax measure.
- b. Said he had been reaching out to get opinions from many quarters.
- c. Questioned what strategy might be used to reach an additional 6% of the voters.

- d. Mentioned his belief that the campaign did not get the message delivered.
- e. Pointed out the misconception of the community about stations being opened when lights are on and flags are up.
- f. Agreed that getting a professional consultant to help the campaign would be appropriate.
- g. Noted a review of the precinct results is crucial.
- h. Thanked everyone for their support.
- i. Spoke directly to the Board noting his gratitude for their support and their volunteering their time to do what's best for the District and the community.

7.0 CONSENT AGENDA:

- .01 Personnel Report for May 2014
- .02 Operations Report for May 2014
- .03 Fire and Life Safety Report for May 2014
- .04 Community CPR & First Aid Training Report for May 2014
- .05 Fleet Services Manager Report May 2014
- .06 Hazard Abatement Report for May 2014
- .07 Fiscal Report for May 2014
- .08 EMS Report for May 2014

M/S Earp/Tinsley to approve consent agenda as presented. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote of the Board members present.

8.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- .01 Minutes of Regular Meeting May 20, 2014. M/S Earp/Jeffs to approve minutes of the May 20, 2014 meeting as presented. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote of the Board members present.

9.0 CORRESPONDENCE: President Leary noted the three correspondence letters in the Board binders for them to read at their leisure.

10.0 INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ITEMS:

.01 Information Only Items:

- a) Vehicle Donation: Division Chief Parsons reviewed his Staff Report briefing the Board on the sizeable donation of a motor home from St. Mary's hospital that will be used as a future mobile command center for the District. This apparatus will replace the current mobile command bus which is a 1964 school bus with an antiquated electrical system. Chief Parsons pointed out that the GMC motor home is significantly newer and has many amenities that will be very helpful like air conditioning, medical triage areas and an updated electrical system. Once the new unit is cleaned up and prepared for use Chief Parsons offered to bring it to a Board meeting for the Board to see.

.02 Discussion Items: None:

11.0 BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

12.0 APPROVAL OF REPORTS: None.

13.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

14.0 ACTION ITEMS:

- .01 Proposed Wage Schedule Change: Chief Hultquist briefed the Board that the Wage Schedule changes were as stated in the Staff Report noting that the update of Wage Schedule is primarily to accommodate the minimum wage law that is effective July 1, 2014. All other changes to the Wage Schedule were minor such as re-alphabetizing the categories. M/S Earp/Tinsley to adopt the 2014/2015 Wage Schedule. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote of the Board members present.
- .02 Resolution 14-007 Instructing the County Auditor/Controller to levy the fire hazard abatement fees on certain properties. In Fire Marshal Nailon's absence, the Fire Chief presented the Resolution to the Board to send to the County Auditor the fire hazard abatement fees for those properties where the owner's had not paid the fees associated with having their properties abated. There was discussion between the Board and Staff where the Board asked several questions regarding the hazard abatement process. At the Board's direction Staff will present additional information regarding the weed abatement program at the next Board meeting. M/S Earp/Tinsley to adopt Resolution 14-007. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote of the Board members present.
- .03 Board Policy BP-005 regarding the Capital Improvement Plan. Finance Director Reynolds reminded the Board that this Policy had been presented last month and the changes the Board had requested had been made. President Leary affirmed that the changes the Board requested were in the presented policy. M/S Earp/Tinsley to adopt Board Policy BP-005. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote of the Board members present.
- .04 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) was presented by Finance Director Reynolds. Mr. Reynolds remarked that this policy was tabled from last month to give the Board a chance to thoroughly review the plan before adopting it. He explained that the plan presented is a 6-year capital improvement plan for the Fire District and informing the Board it is self-funded from the general fund, grants and development impact fees, if they qualify. M/S Earp/Tinsley to adopt the Capital Improvement Plan as presented. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote of the Board members present.
- .05 The Original Budget for Fiscal Year 2014/2015 was presented by Finance Director Reynolds through a power point presentation. There was discussion, comments and questions between Staff and the Board throughout the presentation. Mr. Reynolds explained some of the tax funding and why there is an Original Budget presented in June and a Final Budget presented in September. M/S Earp/Tinsley to adopt the Original Budget for Fiscal Year 2014/2015 as presented. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote of the Board members present.
- .06 Resolution 14-008 establishing the Consumer Price Index (CPI) Adjustment for the Special Tax Levy of 1997 was presented by Finance Director Reynolds. Finance Director Reynolds stated that Resolution 14-008 is an annual requirement for the District to present to the County Auditor for the purposes of implementing the CPI increase allowed by the special tax

measure known as Measure V. M/S Earp/Jeffs to adopt Resolution 14-008 as presented. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote of the Board members present.

15.0 STAFF COMMENTS:

- .01 Fire Chief Hultquist:
 - a. Announced the District had received a \$370,000 FEMA grant pointing out Staff's efforts to be fiscally responsible by seeking out additional revenue sources.
 - b. Acknowledged Chief Parson's comments about the significant donation from St. Mary's of the 40' motor home and its positive impact and benefits for not only the Fire District but the Apple Valley School District as well as the Town of Apple Valley in their on-going partnership regarding community disaster planning.

- .02 ASM Garrison:
 - a. Briefed the Board that there would be a Resolution presented next month to close out the Measure G campaign.

- .03 EMS Manager Guarrera:
 - a. Echoed the Fire Chief's comments pointing out the Fire Chief's passion about relationships.
 - b. Reported that the relationship with the Apple Valley Chamber of Commerce had resulted in the Fire District providing and administering an AED program for the Chamber.
 - c. Suggested it is opportunities like the AED program that will help the District tap into the 6% additional voters.

- .04 FSM Ryan:
 - a. Invited the Board to come to the Shop at any time to see the new mobile command post (motor home).
 - b. Remarked on how handy and efficient the new mobile unit will be.
 - c. Pointed out a visit would assist the Board in seeing a "before" and "after" of the improvements.

16.0 DIRECTORS' COMMENTS:

- .01 Director Jeffs:
 - a. Suggested "we better get our track shoes on" regarding a possible special tax measure in November 2014.

- .02 Director Earp:
 - a. Thanked Buddy and the PFA for their hard work and professionalism.
 - b. Encouraged everyone to keep a positive attitude.
 - c. Congratulated the staff on their professionalism.
 - d. Thanked Mark for his "phenomenal" work on the budget.
 - e. Remarked on the great job getting the FEMA grant.

- .03 Director Tinsley:
 - a. Agreed with previous comments.
 - b. Reiterated his belief the community "would get it right" eventually.
 - c. Learned a lot from the Measure G campaign.
 - d. Stated that "lobby type help" might be what we need.

- .04 President Leary:
 - a. Acknowledged that it was good news about the FEMA grant and the RV donation.

- b. Thanked everyone for their efforts on the Measure G campaign.
- c. Advised the campaign be reviewed for where we might improve.
- d. Pointed out that Sheriff McMahon got about the same percentage of votes and it was considered a "run away" victory for his election.
- e. Avowed there will be another measure and we will be effective in 2016.
- f. Thanked Finance Director Reynolds for his presentation.

17.0 CLOSED SESSION: None.

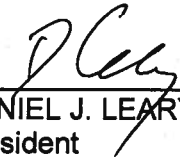
18.0 REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION: None.

19.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None.

20.0 ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m. M/S/P Tinsley/Earp.

ATTEST:


ROSE MARIE GARRISON
Recording Secretary


DANIEL J. LEARY
President