

# APPLE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

October 16, 2018

1.0 CALL TO ORDER: President Leary 6:00 PM

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Director Tinsley

3.0 ROLL CALL:

Present: Vice President Jeffs, Director Karen, President Leary, Director Tinsley, Director Savage

Absent: None

4.0 SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

.01 Presentations.

- a. Formal Introduction of Finance Officer Mark Shaker. Chief Gigliotti began by explaining that while Finance Officer Mark Shaker had been with the District for a couple of months there hadn't been an opportunity to formally introduce him to the Board. The Fire Chief continued by reading a brief biography of Mr. Shaker noting his tenure at the Town of Apple Valley as Finance Manager, his work with local agency Mojave Water and his nearly two years as an governmental auditor.

5.0 PUBLIC COMMENT:

.01 Firefighter Paramedic David Martinez introduced himself and briefed the Board on an annual event called the Firefighter Stairclimb that takes place in March of each year to raise money for cancer research and awareness. He handed out an information flyer to each of the Board members. Mr. Martinez explained the funds raised do not go to the department or to the PFA but directly to the lymphoma cancer charity.

Mr. Martinez expressed his hope that the District's involvement could turn into an annual event as most firefighters will experience some sort of cancer in their careers. The District's Wellness Committee is sponsoring the event and Mr. Martinez briefed they had already been engaged in a fund raiser at Red Robin. Mr. Martinez asked the Board for their support and outreach to the community.

Mr. Martinez listed the employees participating in the event as David Martinez, Bobby Clemmer, Jared Shepard, Chad Baeskens, John Watterson, Marc Dileo, Corey Fratt, Mark Milson and Jordan Cope.

.02 Shane Simpson who is a Captain with the Fire District spoke as an 'embarrassed company officer', President of the Professional Firefighters Association Local 4642 and a concerned citizen. Mr. Simpson began his remarks by thanking David Martinez for his work on the Stairclimb event by saying David was 'starting something big'. He addressed Finance Officer Shaker asking if he was feeling at home and settling in. Mr. Simpson continued by saying the District is a very special place to all of us with relationships that will last a lifetime.

The next section of Mr. Simpson's remarks were recounting several severe and extreme calls the District firefighters have been on including a suicide hanging, a child drowning, and a grandchild run over by a grandparent. These were presented to the Board as some of the extreme circumstances and situations the firefighters find themselves in on a daily basis. Mr. Simpson emphasized the toll these calls take on firefighters and the training and dedication it takes to go on these calls every day.

Contrasting these comments Mr. Simpson then related a conversation he had following the Board meeting the previous month (October 16, 2018) in the MWA parking lot with Vice President Jay Jeffs. Mr. Simpson expressed his shock and dismay over some of Mr. Jeffs' comments indicating Mr. Jeffs had made remarks indicating a lack of care and concern over District matters.

Mr. Simpson's directed a response to the incident to Mr. Jeffs asking "Why are you here?" He followed his question by remarking he had a similar conversation with Director Tinsley and thanked him for showing him respect stating he respected Director Tinsley's opinion and comments.

Mr. Simpson concluded by stating not answering his question of "Why are you here?" was not acceptable.

President Leary immediately commented that there are better places for a conversation than the parking lot stating that Jay (Vice President Jeffs) was "looking out for you more than you know". He went on to state that he didn't feel the Board meeting was the appropriate venue for the conversation Mr. Simpson wanted to have suggesting it might be a good idea for the two of them (Simpson and Jeffs) to meet.

6.0 DIRECTORS' RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT: President Leary informally polled the Board for comment to public comment. There was no further comment by the rest of the Board. Mr. Leary did state to Mr. Simpson that his remarks were heard and that he believed the Board understood the point he was trying to make but he did not believe the Board meeting was the proper forum to address Mr. Simpson's remarks. He did add it might be beneficial if Vice President Jeffs and Mr. Simpson met separately to further discuss Mr. Simpson's concerns.

7.0 CONSENT AGENDA: President Leary asked if there were any items the Board wanted to pull from the Consent Agenda. No further discussion.

M/S Tinsley/Karen to accept the Consent Agenda as presented.  
Directors Jeffs, Karen, Leary, Savage and Tinsley voted aye.  
Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

8.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

.01 Minutes of Regular Meeting September 18, 2018

M/S Jeffs/Karen to approve minutes of the September 18, 2018 regular board meeting  
Directors Jeffs, Karen, Leary, Savage and Tinsley voted aye by voice vote.  
Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

.02 Minutes of Special Meeting October 2, 2018

M/S Tinsley/Karen to approve minutes of the October 2, 2018 special board meeting  
Directors Jeffs, Karen, Leary, and Tinsley voted aye by voice vote. Director Savage abstained.  
Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Abstain: 1 Absent: 0

9.0 CORRESPONDENCE: None.

10.0 INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ITEMS:

.01 Information Only Items: The Board President asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the Disposition of Surplus report. There was no further discussion.

a) Disposition of Surplus. No discussion.

.02 Discussion Items:

a) Update on Fire Station 333. Mr. Leary asked Chief Gigliotti if he had anything to add regarding the update provided to the Board. The Fire Chief explained the testing of the mold had been received as well as the testing for the asbestos. Chief Gigliotti referenced the preliminary budget figures for the rehab of Fire Station 333 suggesting the discussion remains whether or not it would be beneficial for the District to make repairs to the Station. Chief Gigliotti requested the Board's approval to go out for Request for Proposal (RFP) to see where the District would come out doing the repairs and remediation of the building versus what its value and income represents to the District.

Following his comments there was discussion between the Board and Staff regarding the value of the building, the income received from its tenant AMR Ambulance, and the size of the building. Director Tinsley specifically called for a good scope of work before going out for bids. By consensus it was decided there should be two separate RFPS one for remediation and one for remodel. Further discussion on the need for the RFPs followed briefly with Staff explaining the necessity for the RFPs in order to have all the facts regarding the building, its use and revenue and what mitigation there

might be from the tenant for some of the remodel costs. The Fire Chief commented Staff would be contacting SDRMA to see if an insurance claim could be filed.

There were some questions fielded by Staff regarding what program is currently in place for a review of the District's facilities. The Fire Chief briefed the Board on the Facilities Program identifying Captain Craig Malloy as the program manager under the supervision of Battalion Chief Larry Soper. Chief Gigliotti explained the on-going assessments of the District buildings results in recommendations for improvements like the roof at FS 332 which is slated for approval in the current fiscal year CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) expenditures.

President Leary polled the Board for approval to allow Staff to go out for RFPs for the remediation and remodeling of Fire Station 333. The Board agreed unanimously (all five Board members approved) to move forward with the RFPs.

11.0 BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

12.0 APPROVAL OF REPORTS: None.

13.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

14.0 ACTION ITEMS:

- .01 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Purchase of Auto Pulse for FS 337. President Leary called on the Fire Chief for further comment on this particular matter. The Chief reported that the auto pulse was cutting edge and proactive approach to CPR. Explaining how the auto pulse provides an extra set of hands on a call the Chief told the Board if approved, Staff would bring the machine back to the Board for a demonstration to show how much faster and effective this piece of equipment is. There was further exchange between the Board and Staff on the science behind the auto pulse, its track record and who was going to be trained to use it. Chief Gigliotti explained that all the Operations staff would be trained to use the equipment as is done with all gear on the apparatus noting Operations personnel can be assigned to any Station or apparatus at any time.

M/S Leary/Savage to approve the CIP purchase of an auto pulse for FS 337.  
Directors Jeffs, Karen, Leary, Savage and Tinsley voted aye by roll call vote.  
Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

15.0 STAFF COMMENTS:

- .01 Fire Chief Gigliotti:  
a. Reported to the Board that the District has in reserve a 1942 MAC L series engine that had been purchased back in 1955 with the apparatus reaching antique status in 1985. The Fire Chief went on to explain that he had been approached by the Professional Firefighters Association to purchase the engine to restore it to parade condition. Chief Gigliotti explained that throughout the District's history the historic engine had been sold or traded with the PFA a couple of times.

16.0 DIRECTORS' COMMENTS:

- .01 Director Karen:  
a. Welcomed Finance Officer Shaker.  
b. Thanked David Martinez for taking on the Stairclimb challenge noting it was a good cause and commenting on the difficult task of going up 69 flights of stairs in full gear.  
c. Directed comments to Shane Simpson saying he had made a very powerful statement.
- .02 Director Tinsley:  
a. Spoke to Firefighter Paramedic David Martinez and told him he looked forward to helping him on the Stairclimb challenge and raising funds.  
b. Welcomed Finance Officer Shaker remarking his efforts and the reports he had already produced had not been overlooked.

- .03 Director Savage:
  - a. Thanked Firefighter Paramedic David Martinez for presenting the Stairclimb program telling him it 'looks great'.
  - b. Welcomed Finance Officer Mark Shaker.
- .04 Vice President Jeffs:
  - a. Thanked Firefighter Paramedic David Martinez for doing the Stairclimb program and bringing it to the Board's attention.
  - b. Thanked Shane Simpson for his comments offering to meet with him and clear everything up.
  - c. Commented to Finance Officer Shaker that he was 'the right guy' and it shows up in the reports.
- .05 President Leary:
  - a. Remarked to Finance Officer Shaker that his reports were outstanding.
  - b. Pledged to Firefighter Paramedic David Martinez that he had the Board's support.

17.0 CLOSED SESSION: President Leary announced that the closed agenda item for Public Employee Performance Evaluation had been left off the agenda and requested a motion to go to closed session.

- .01 Public Employee Performance Evaluation: Fire Chief (Gov't Code §54957 (b))

M/S/P Leary/Savage to adjourn to closed session at 6:54 PM.

The Board returned into Open Session at 7:17 PM.

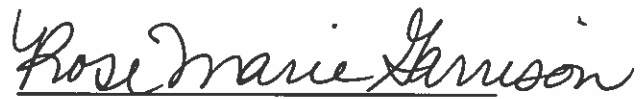
18.0 REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION:

- .01 President Leary announced there was no action out of the closed session.

19.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None.

20.0 ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 PM M/S/P Tinsley/Savage.

ATTEST:

  
ROSE MARIE GARRISON  
Recording Secretary

  
DANIEL J. LEARY  
President