

# APPLE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

December 13, 2022

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER: President Leary 6:04 PM
- 2.0 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:
  - .01 Invocation: Chaplain Nate Garn
  - .02 Presentation of Colors: District Honor Guard
  - .02 Pledge of Allegiance: President Leary
- 3.0 ROLL CALL:  
Present: Director Conley, Director Hernandez, President Leary  
Absent: Director Hultquist, Director Salas
- 4.0 SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:
  - .01 Oath of Office – New Board Members: Fire Chief Peratt called Aaron Conley and T.J. Carpino forward and administered the Oath of Office.

### ROLL CALL OF NEW BOARD:

Present: Director Carpino, Director Conley, Director Hernandez, Director Leary  
Absent: Director Hultquist

- .02 Longevity Service Awards. Chief Peratt called each of the longevity award recipients forward, spoke about their years of service and presented them with their award.
  - a) Five Years of Service
    1. Captain Paramedic Robert Clemmer
    2. Captain Landon D'Antonio
    3. Captain Joseph Dillow
    4. Engineer Paramedic Corey Fratt
    5. Engineer Paramedic David Martinez
    6. Battalion Chief Anthony Mejia
    7. Engineer Paramedic Robert Richer
    8. Engineer Paramedic Jared Shepard
  - b) Ten Years of Service
    1. Captain Paramedic Vinh Ho
  - c) Twenty Years of Service
    1. Fire Inspector I Jennifer Alexy
    2. Engineer Paramedic James Lyons
- .03 Employee of the Year. Fire Chief Peratt announced that the employee of the year was Amber Exley. He called her forward to receive the award while detailing her original nomination and voting by employees.
- .04 Introduction of New Employee Aaron Alston – Reserve Inspector. Fire Chief Peratt called Aaron forward and introduced him to the Board and the members present. He welcomed Aaron to the Fire District.

- .05 Badge Pinning Ceremony. Fire Chief Peratt gave a short background on badges in the fire service. He announced that the badge pinning tonight was for both promotions and new employees. He indicated that a few of the employees had not had their badges pinned at a board meeting due to COVID restrictions at the time they were hired or promoted. He then called each person up individually, gave a short review of their career and invited the person pinning their badge to come to the front to pin the badge.
- a) Firefighters:
    - 1. Erwin Cuevas pinned by his wife Joany
    - 2. Scott Embleton pinned by his parents Terry and Annette
    - 3. Mark MacDonald pinned by his father Mark
    - 4. Dillon Tavolazzi pinned by his mother Jeannie
  - b) Engineer Promotions:
    - 1. Chad Baeskens pinned by his wife Michaela
    - 2. Michael Morrell pinned by his fiancé Remy
  - c) Captain Promotions
    - 1. Landon D'Antonio pinned by his wife Ashley
    - 2. Joseph Dillow pinned by his wife April
  - d) Battalion Chief Promotions
    - 1. Robert Qualls pinned by his wife Michelle
    - 2. Matthew Dowland pinned by his wife Kelly
  - e) Fire Chief Promotion - James Peratt. ASM Lopez gave an overview of Chief Peratt's fire service career and information about the individuals pinning his collar brass and badge – Collar brass pinned by retired Fire Chief Qualls and Board President Leary and badge pinned by his wife Gretchen
- .06 Retirement of Battalion Chief Hulbert. Fire Chief Peratt gave a presentation on retiring Battalion Chief Hulbert's career in the Fire Service and his years of service at Apple Valley Fire. Several presentations followed.
- a) Apple Valley Town Council member and retired Fire Chief Art Bishop presented Chief Hulbert with a plaque on behalf of the Town of Apple Valley. He spoke about Chief Hulbert's career, congratulated him on his years of service and commented on how Chief Hulbert is always willing to step in and help.
  - b) Fire Chief Peratt presented Chief Hulbert with a plaque, his helmet and a flat badge from the Apple Valley Fire Protection District
  - c) President Leary read into record and presented Chief Hulbert with a proclamation from the Board of Directors and the Fire District
  - d) Professional Firefighters Association President Mark Milson presented Chief Hulbert with a presentation helmet. He also spoke about Chief Hulbert's impact on both him personally and the Fire District as a whole
  - e) Fire Employee's Association President Matt Dowland presented Chief Hulbert with a plaque on behalf of the FEA. He added his well wishes to Chief Hulbert on his retirement and also noted the impact Chief Hulbert has had throughout his career.

A short break was observed at this time to move the remainder of the meeting from the apparatus bay to the meeting room

Selection of Board Officers: Continuing to preside over the Board, President Leary called for nominations of Board officers. Director Hernandez nominated Dan Leary for President.

M/S Hernandez/Conley to nominate Dan Leary for President of the Board of Directors.  
Directors Carpino, Conley, Hernandez and Leary voted aye by voice vote.  
Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1

The nomination for Vice President followed. Director Conley nominated Amanda Hernandez for Vice President.

M/S Conley/Carpino to nominate Amanda Hernandez for Vice President of the Board of Directors.  
Directors Carpino, Conley, Hernandez and Leary voted aye by voice vote.  
Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1

5.0 PUBLIC COMMENT: None

6.0 DIRECTORS' RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT: None

7.0 CONSENT AGENDA: President Leary asked if everyone had a chance to review the reports presented and if anyone had questions or comments. There were no further questions or comments.

M/S Conley/Hernandez to accept Consent Agenda items as presented.  
Directors Carpino, Conley, Hernandez and Leary voted aye by voice vote.  
Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1

8.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

.01 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on November 15, 2022. There were no questions or comments.

M/S Conley/Hernandez to approve minutes of the November 15, 2022 regular board meeting.  
Directors Carpino, Conley, Hernandez and Leary voted aye by voice vote.  
Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1

9.0 CORRESPONDENCE: None.

10.0 INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ITEMS:

.01 Information Only Items: None

.02 Discussion Items: None

11.0 BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

.01 President Leary briefed that the finance committee will meet again in January. Chief Peratt added that the ambulance RFP should be released after the first of the year.

12.0 APPROVAL OF REPORTS: None

13.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS:

.01 Ordinance 60 Establishing Fees for the Issuance of Permits, Special Clearances, Enforcement of Regulation and Plan Review Services Provided by the District. President Leary called on Chief Peratt to brief about Ordinance 60. Chief Peratt reminded the Board that the consultant had attended a previous meeting and presented information on the fee study. He added that he will

be meeting with local contractors in the next month to get feedback on the proposed changes. He said that the District wants to be fair to the community while updating the fees to reflect more current values. There was a short discussion between Board members and Staff regarding the initial presentation, future discussion items and next month's public hearing.

M/S Conley/Hernandez to open Public Hearing at 6:13 PM. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote of the Board.

President Leary asked for any questions or comments from the audience or Board members. There were no questions or comments.

M/S Conley/Hernandez move to close the Public Hearing at 6:14 PM. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote of the Board.

M/S Hernandez/Conley to read Ordinance 60 aloud by title. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote of the Board.

Ordinance 60 read aloud by title by Board Clerk.

M/S Hernandez/Conley to introduce Ordinance 60. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote of the Board.

#### 14.0 ACTION ITEMS:

- .01 Declaration of Surplus Equipment. Chief Peratt noted the items listed in the report for surplus and reasoning behind the need to surplus the items. There was some discussion regarding equipment on the truck and it's mechanical state.

M/S Conley/Carpino to Approve Declaration of Surplus Equipment listed in the presented report. Directors Carpino, Conley, Hernandez and Leary voted aye by roll call vote.  
Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1

- .02 Declaration of Surplus Equipment. Chief Peratt noted the items listed in the report for surplus and reasoning behind the need to surplus the items. He reminded the Board of the CIP money that had been designated in the budget for improvements at the shop and noted those improvements included replacing the listed old sheds. There were no comments or questions.

M/S Hernandez/Conley to Approve Declaration of Surplus Equipment listed in the presented report. Directors Carpino, Conley, Hernandez and Leary voted aye by roll call vote.  
Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1

- .03 Wage Schedule Update. Chief Peratt briefed the board on the update to the wage schedule noting that the Fire District must comply with minimum wage law changes. There were no comments or questions.

M/S Hernandez/Conley to Approve the Wage Schedule Update as presented. Directors Carpino, Conley, Hernandez and Leary and voted aye by roll call vote.  
Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1

15.0 STAFF COMMENTS:

.01 Fire Chief Peratt:

- Thanked Staff and Board members who were able to attend the end of year employee appreciation banquet adding that a good number of retirees had come out to support the event
- Congratulated Amber on her Employee of the Year award adding that he is very proud of her accomplishments
- Congratulated Directors Carpino and Conley on the election and thanked them for serving the community
- Congratulated President Leary and Vice President Hernandez on their Board Officer positions

16.0 DIRECTORS' COMMENTS:

.01 Director Carpino

- Remarked about growing up in the Apple Valley community and knowing that the Fire District is a tight-knit family adding that tonight that was evident
- Congratulated Chief Hulbert on his retirement
- Congratulated Amber on Employee of the Year award
- Congratulated Chief Peratt adding that he is the right man for the job

.02 Vice President Conley

- Remarked on how good the awards presentation was
- Congratulated Chief Hulbert on his retirement
- Noted how proud he was of Chief Peratt
- Congratulated Amber on Employee of the Year
- Welcomed Director Carpino to the Board
- Remarked that it is nice to see a lot of retirees coming out to support District events
- Congratulated and thanked President Leary and Vice President Hernandez on their seats as Board officers

.03 Director Hernandez

- Congratulated everyone on their awards and badge pinnings
- Congratulated Chief Hulbert on his upcoming retirement
- Congratulated Amber on Employee of the Year adding her thanks for stepping up and doing a tough job
- Thanked the other Board members for their faith in her

.04 President Leary

- Echoed the congratulations to all the award recipients
- Congratulated Amber on the Employee of the Year award
- Remarked that he is hopeful for more grants this next year
- Congratulated Chief Hulbert adding that "retirement is all it's cracked up to be"
- Congratulated Buddy on his badge pinning adding that he is doing a good job as "official Fire Chief"

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 7:23 PM M/S/P Conley/Hernandez

ATTEST:

Original Signature on File  
KIMBERLY LOPEZ  
Recording Secretary

Original Signature on File  
DANIEL J LEARY  
Board President