

APPLE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

October 17, 2023

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER: President Leary 6:00 PM
- 2.0 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:
 - .01 Invocation: District Chaplain Nate Garn
 - .02 Pledge of Allegiance: Director Conley
- 3.0 ROLL CALL:

Present: Director Carpino, Director Conley, Vice President Hernandez, Director Hultquist
President Leary

Absent: None
- 4.0 SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: None
- 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 any items they wanted to discuss or pull. There was no discussion.

M/S Conley/Carpino to accept Consent Agenda items as presented.
Directors Carpino, Conley, Hernandez, Hultquist and Leary voted aye by voice vote.
Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0
- 8.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
 - .01 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on September 19, 2023. There were no questions or comments.

M/S Hultquist/Hernandez to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on September 19, 2023.
Directors Carpino, Conley, Hernandez, Hultquist and Leary voted aye by voice vote.
Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0
- 9.0 CORRESPONDENCE: President Leary commented that there are a couple of nice correspondence items in the packet this month. One was a certificate for participating in the Apple Valley Village parade and the others were thank you notes for the District's participation in 9/11 ceremonies at local schools.
- 10.0 INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ITEMS:
 - .01 Information Only Items:
 - a. North Apple Valley Development. President Leary called on Chief Peratt to brief about the Apple Valley North End. Chief Peratt noted that he and Fire Marshal Pachman have been meeting quite often with different agencies involved in the North End including the Town of Apple Valley. There has been a request from the Assistant Town Manager regarding the District's joining the Town in an Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD). Chief Peratt gave some basic information on how EIFD works. Discussion followed between Board members and Staff regarding the EIFD, concerns about operational costs for the District, how funds would be distributed and the length of time an

EIFD could last without funding being available. It was also noted that the District would have one seat on the EIFD Board but would not be the majority. Board members as a whole voiced concerns about becoming part of the EIFD due to how the District's finances are structured compared to how the Town of Apple Valley's finances are structured. There was further discussion about upcoming projects and opportunities for the North End of Apple Valley. Several questions regarding when to "pull the trigger" on building a station, staffing and housing development possibilities in the area were posed and it was noted that the Board and Staff will need to stay on top of developments and continuously run numbers to get the timing right. There was continued discussion regarding keeping the North End revenue monies separate in budgeting so that the money was not absorbed into current expenses but earmarked for use for North End expansion. Director Hernandez remarked that the Fire District is not in the business of economic development like the Town but in the business of Emergency Services. There was a short conversation about the Brightline Train project and its effect on the North End development. The overall consensus after these discussions was that Chief Peratt and Staff will continue to remain engaged in discussions regarding development in the North End and will keep the Board apprised. Once it is deemed necessary a Board committee may be formed to oversee the process and make decisions on the District's participation in such things as the EIFD.

.02 Discussion Items: None

11.0 BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

.01 President Leary noted that last month the final budget had been presented and approved to there had not been a finance committee meeting this month.

12.0 APPROVAL OF REPORTS: None

13.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS:

.01 Public Hearing #2 to Receive Public Comments on Ordinance 62 Establishing Fees for the Response to Emergency and Non-Emergency Incidents and Miscellaneous Request for Service.

M/S Hernandez/Conley to open the public hearing at 6:25 PM

M/S Leary/Hernandez to close public hearing at 6:26 PM

Move to read Ordinance 62 by title only. Ordinance 62 was read into record by the Board Clerk

M/S Conley/Hultquist to adopt Ordinance 62

Directors Carpino, Conley, Hernandez, Hultquist and Leary voted aye by roll call vote.
Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

14.0 ACTION ITEMS:

.01 Resolution 23-011 Authorizing the Purchase and Financing of One New Pierce Fire Engine. President Leary called on Chief Peratt who explained that this was an updated Resolution with a corrected interest rate.

M/S Hernandez/Hultquist to approve Resolution 23-011 Authorizing the Purchase and Financing of One New Pierce Fire Engine

Directors Carpino, Conley, Hernandez, Hultquist and Leary voted aye by roll call vote.
Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

- .02 Personnel Policy P-45 Revision 2 Appearance Standards. Chief Peratt stated that as the Board is aware, Staff has been working on updating policies. He added that this Policy has been updated to identify key topics in the fire service such as OSHA requirements, tattoos and body piercings. He noted that the District had held a meet and confer with the Professional Firefighters Association (PFA) which had gone well and that the PFA and District had come to a “happy medium” regarding tattoos. He pointed out that the policy language maintains the ability for Senior Staff to address appearance standards. He concluded by mentioning that the Board must feel comfortable with District policies and how District personnel are represented in the public.

M/S Hultquist/Carpino to approve Personnel Policy P-45 Appearance Standards.
Directors Carpino, Conley, Hernandez, Hultquist and Leary voted aye by roll call vote.
Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

- .03 Personnel Policy P-23 Revision 13 Retirement Benefits. Chief Peratt noted that this policy update is to remove language referencing the Call Department, Emergency Medical Services Manager and Emergency Services/Officer Manager since the District no longer has these positions. President Leary noted the Staff Report stating that there is no new fiscal impact to the District with these policy changes which was confirmed by Chief Peratt.

M/S Carpino/Conley to approve Personnel Policy P-23 Revision 13 Retirement Benefits.
Directors Carpino, Conley, Hernandez, Hultquist and Leary voted aye by roll call vote.
Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

15.0 STAFF COMMENTS:

.01 Fire Chief Peratt:

- Remarked how busy the District has been with events in the Month of October.
- Briefed that Staff and PFA representatives had met for meet and confer on several policies noting that he is excited to be moving forward on policy and that the meeting went very well.
- Gave a shout out to Staff for all their hard work adding that there are good things to come.
- Reminded the Board that in December the District will have another Badge pinning and awards ceremony at the beginning of the Board meeting.

16.0 DIRECTORS' COMMENTS: None

17.0 CLOSED SESSION: None

18.0 REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION: None

19.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- .01 It was decided by consensus that due to the November Board meeting falling on the week of Thanksgiving, the November Board meeting would be dark, and the Board would meet again for the regularly scheduled December meeting. Staff was directed to let the Board President know if any urgent business arose that required a Special Board meeting prior to December 19th.

20.0 ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 PM M/S/P Hernandez/Conley

ATTEST:

Original Signature on File
KIMBERLY LOPEZ
Recording Secretary

Original Signature on File
DANIEL J LEARY
Board President