

APPLE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

December 19, 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: President Leary
- 3.0 ROLL CALL:

Present: Director Carpino, Vice President Hernandez, Director Hultquist, President Leary
Absent: Director Conley
- 4.0 SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:
 - .01 Longevity Service Awards: Fire Chief Peratt called each employee forward to receive their longevity award adding notable details about their career.
 - a. Five Years of Service
 1. Chad Baeskens
 2. Jason Sandoval
 - b. Ten Years of Service
 1. Aaron Brinkman
 2. Kyler Johnson
 3. Manuel Lafarga
 - c. Twenty Years of Service
 1. Brian Malloy
 2. Jay Northey. Not Present
 - .02 Employee of the Quarter Fourth Quarter. Chief Peratt called Robert Richer forward to receive the Employee of the Quarter 4th Quarter award and announced that Rob had also been voted as Employee of the Year 2023. Rob was presented both awards.
 - .03 Employee of the Year 2023. Presented to Robert Richer
 - .04 New Employee Introduction: Chief Peratt called up each of the Reserve employees to introduce them to the Board and the assembly.
 - a. Reserve Firefighter Riley Blackwell
 - b. Reserve Firefighter Tanner Huntoon. Not Present
 - c. Reserve Firefighter Alex Marmolejo. Not Present
 - .05 Badge Pinning Ceremony: Chief Peratt called forward each of the employees for their badge pinning.
 - a. Firefighter:
 1. Zachary Michel. Badge pinned by Scott Michel
 2. Wyatt Cortez-Nunez. Badge pinned by Emily Lovato and Rebecca Cortez
 3. Edward Garcia. Badge pinned by Butch Sexton
 4. Logan Moon. Badge pinned by Chad and Melissa Moon
 5. Kaleb Most. Badge pinned by Kenny and Alicia Most
 - b. Engineer: Jason Ibarra. Not Present
 - c. Fire Protection Specialist: Gerry Longnecker. Badge pinned by Gina Longnecker

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 Carpino/Hultquist to accept Consent Agenda items as presented.
Directors Carpino, Hernandez, Hultquist 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 October 17, 2023. There were no questions or comments.

M/S Hultquist/Hernandez to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on October 17, 2023.

Directors Carpino, Hernandez, Hultquist and Leary voted aye by voice vote.
Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1

9.0 CORRESPONDENCE: President Leary commented that there are two items of correspondence in the packet for review.

10.0 INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ITEMS:

.01 Information Items: None

.02 Discussion Items: None

11.0 BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

.01 Chief Peratt briefed that the County Board of Supervisors had awarded the ambulance contract to the CONFIRE bid. He added that there will be a Q&A meeting in early January to answer some questions about next steps. He will include an information item after the Q&A meeting to cover any pertinent information presented at the Q&A. Some discussion followed between Board and Staff regarding start dates and transitions. Chief Peratt noted that the contract start date is October 1, 2024.

12.0 APPROVAL OF REPORTS: None

13.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

President Leary made a motion to go to closed session prior to hearing the action items in order to discuss the personnel matter in Item 14.01. See item number 17 below for Closed Session Information.

14.0 ACTION ITEMS:

.01 Resolution 23-012 Making Findings and Determinations Regarding the Industrial Disability Retirement Application of Jay Northey. This item was discussed during closed session.

M/S Hultquist/Carpino to approve Resolution 23-012 Making Findings and Determinations Regarding the Industrial Disability Retirement Application of Jay Northey
Directors Carpino, Hernandez, Hultquist and Leary voted aye by roll call vote.
Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1

- .02 Declaration of Surplus. Chief Peratt briefed on the item listed in the surplus report consisting of old banquet chairs that are not in use. He added that the District would like approval to surplus these chairs.

M/S Hernandez/Carpino to approve surplus of items listed in Action Item 14.02.
Directors Carpino, Hernandez, Hultquist and Leary voted aye by roll call vote.
Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1

- .03 Wage Schedule Update: Fire Chief Peratt briefed that this is an update due to the California minimum wage increase for 2024.

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

15.0 STAFF COMMENTS:

.01 Fire Chief Peratt:

- Thanked the Board for their support along with all other outside agencies that have supported the Fire District through the loss of Engineer Shepard. He added that the support and encouragement the District received as an organization from our community, elected officials and other agencies has helped tremendously.
- Briefed that in January 2024 the District will hold recruitments for Engineer, Firefighter/Paramedic and Reserve. He noted that the District will be posting and aggressively recruiting for these positions.
- Noted his appreciation for the good relationship with the Professional Firefighter Association's in the Joint Labor Management meetings.
- Advised that he will be out of town for two weeks beginning the day after Christmas and that he will notify the Board of who will be acting as Chief during the time he is gone.
- Wished everyone a happy holidays and said he is looking forward to a new year in 2024.

16.0 DIRECTORS' COMMENTS:

.01 Director Hultquist

- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas.
- Noted how proud he is of the Fire District personnel.

.02 Director Carpino

- Remarked that this is the first time he has experienced a funeral for a firefighter and that he was left there in awe. He added that the service was very well done.

.03 Vice President Hernandez

- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas.
- Thanked everyone for all their hard work.
- Noted that this has been a bit of a heavy year for the agency but that the last year has shown her what kind of family the District is.

.04 President Leary.

- Remarked that he was awestruck by Jared Shepard's funeral adding that putting it together in such a short time was very incredible. He noted that the funeral planning wasn't one person, it was start to finish the entire organization. He added that it is such a sad thing to have lost Jared and that he will be missed.

- Thanked Staff and employees for all they do adding that it is absolutely appreciated and that the Board is honored to support the Fire District.
- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

17.0 CLOSED SESSION:

Announcing the closed session item to the assembly President Leary called for a motion to go to closed session.

M/S/P Leary/Hernandez to adjourn to closed session at 6:48 PM.

The Board returned into Open Session at 6:51 PM.

18.0 REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION: None

19.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None

20.0 ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 PM M/S/P Hernandez/Carpino

ATTEST:

Original Signature on File
KIMBERLY LOPEZ
Recording Secretary

Original Signature on File
DANIEL J LEARY
Board President