

SOUTH PLACER FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
June 21, 2017

REGULAR BUSINESS

The South Placer Fire District Board of Directors regular meeting was called to order on Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at 7:01 p.m. by President, Gary Grenfell.

Present:

Gary Grenfell, President  
Dave Harris, Vice-President  
Terri Ryland, Director  
Mike DeLaurentis, Director

Absent:

Sean Mullin, Clerk

Staff in Attendance:

Fire Chief, Eric Walder  
Deputy Fire Chief, Karl Fowler  
Board Secretary, Kathy Medeiros  
Battalion Chief, Jason Brooks  
Captain, Brian Midtlyng  
Firefighter Paramedic, Eric Garside  
Firefighter Paramedic, Matt Hodges  
Firefighter Paramedic, Thomas Wildgoose  
Apprentice Firefighter, Scot Staples

Special Presentation: Chief Walder introduced new hire Paramedic Firefighter, Thomas Wildgoose. Chief Walder commended him for his work and presented him with an official badge. His girlfriend, Emma, was invited to step forward, take pictures and pin the official badge on his uniform. Director DeLaurentis then officiated the oath of office. Chief Walder congratulated him for his accomplishment and dedication to the fire service.

Public Comment: None

Report from Closed Session: None

Consent Agenda: Director Ryland made a motion to approve the consent agenda; seconded by Director DeLaurentis. Carried

Ayes: Grenfell, Harris, Mullin, DeLaurentis, Ryland    Noes: None    Abstain: None    Absent: Mullin

OLD BUSINESS

Consolidation with Loomis Fire Protection District: Staff recommends discussion of current progress of consolidation. Chief Walder gave an update on the progress of the consolidation

effort. Chief Walder noted that the prior month there was an issue regarding the language on the LAFCO Resolution that was mutually resolved with legal counsel. On June 14, 2017, the Placer LAFCO commission unanimously approved the consolidation. LAFCO has thirty days to hold a protest hearing that will be noticed locally. Only in the event that ¼ of District residents were to protest would the consolidation go to an election. Moving forward, the remaining Board of members would need to determine the future make-up of the consolidated board within 60 days of the consolidation. The Board would need to decide to reduce the future Board to a five or 7 member board as discussed on the submitted service plan to LAFCO. The effective date of the consolidation will coincide with the first day of a new pay period. In addition, the Board will need to discuss the future Board meeting schedule and Board officer positions. Chief Walder noted that he was currently in meet and confer discussion with Loomis employees. He continued that the successor District, South Placer Fire will remain and an effort will be made to identify the communities served on stations and apparatus.

## NEW BUSINESS

Fiscal Year 2017/18 Preliminary Budget Adoption: Staff recommends adoption of the preliminary Fiscal Year 2017/18 budget. Chief Walder presented the preliminary budget and noted that Budget Committee members Director Mullin and Director Ryland met with Board Secretary Medeiros and Chief Walder to discuss and review the new budget. The Final budget will need to be approved by September 1<sup>st</sup>. General revenues are estimated at \$9.3 million with \$355,000 in mitigation revenues and \$500,000 CFAA revenues expected. Total expenditure spending from all revenue funds is estimated at \$10.7 million with facility spending encompassing \$548,000 from the general fund. He noted that at this time he anticipates a modest 2% increase in property tax revenue despite the County estimations of 3%. He continued that should the Assessor give a higher estimate he will adjust the budget accordingly. Ambulance revenue is estimated at \$1.15 million. It was noted the cell tower revenue fell short this budget year by \$30,000 due to an error in estimating. Salaries increased 6.6% due to the 3% increase and the 3% PERS Cost Sharing swap. Despite the salary increases, total salaries and benefits came in at 79.88% of general revenues; well within the board guidelines of 80.25%. Service and operations expenditures remains in limits with increasing spending for consulting due to the expected legal and consulting needs of the District. Facilities spending will focus on shelving, exercise equipment and office equipment as the major cost items. There will be reinvestment into the District networking intended to save future monies. He noted that the Board principle for the contingency reserves is 5% and will need additional funding of \$24,310 for the new fiscal year. Capital expenditures are spending \$140,000 from general fund with \$32,000 from mitigation revenue for the new medic remount. Station projects are necessary for deferred maintenance to the shop, Station 19 and Station 17 but will be funded by general and mitigation revenue within board guidelines. He continues that Station 15 was not built as a commercial building and improvements must be made. A new combined budget will be presented at the first consolidated regular board meeting for approval. Member of the public, Sandy Harris inquired regarding revenues in regard to the lake medical responses. Chief Walder responded that the District was not overly impacted by these medical call at this time. He agreed to do research at a later date regarding calls to the lake that do/do not require transport possibly in December.

Director Ryland made a motion to adopt the Preliminary Fiscal Year 2017/18 Budget as presented by Chief Walder. Seconded by Director Harris.

Ayes: Harris, Grenfell, Ryland, DeLaurentis, Harris Noes: None Abstain: None Absent: Mullin

Agreement for Supplemental Administrative Services: Staff recommends discussion on the Administrative Contract renewal per the original contract and the approval of the Supplemental Administrative Services Agreement. Chief Walder explained that the agreement needed to be updated to reflect the additional \$20,000 fee for ALS services provided to Loomis Fire along with the renewal of the contract for Administrative Services. The Loomis Board has already reviewed and accepted the terms of this agreement at their May 2017 Board Meeting.

Director Ryland made a motion to accept and approve the Agreement for Supplemental Administrative Services. Seconded by Director Harris.

Ayes: Harris, Grenfell, Ryland, DeLaurentis, Harris Noes: None Abstain: None Absent: Mullin

Resolution of Intention to approve an Amendment to CalPERS Contract: Staff recommends discussion and approval of the Resolution of Intention to approve an amendment to the contract between CalPERS Board of Administration and SPFD Board of Directors. Chief Walder began that negotiations have agreed to an additional 3% increase in salary with an additional increase to the employee contribution to PERS for both safety and miscellaneous members. The salary increase will bring all safety members to a total 12% PERS contribution and 11% PERS contribution for miscellaneous members. Pepra Miscellaneous members are not included in the 3% increase. He continued that to approve the contract amendment it is standard procedure to begin with a Resolution of Intention followed by a final adoption Resolution.

Director Ryland made a motion to approve the Resolution of Intention to approve an amendment to the CalPERS contract. A second was given by Director DeLaurentis. Carried

Roll call:

Ayes: Harris, Grenfell, Ryland, DeLaurentis, Harris Noes: None Abstain: None Absent: Mullin

Resolution of Intention for the Levy and Collection of Special Tax Measure A for Fiscal Year 2017/18: Staff recommends approval of the resolution to authorize the levy and collection of the Districts Special Tax. The special tax was passed by South Placer Fire District with 69.2% of the ballots in 1980. The cost is \$70 per residence, \$0.05 per square foot of commercial property, and \$2.00 per acre for vacant land. There is no consumer price index or cost of living adjustment to the original tax. Chief Walder continued that the District estimates \$690,000 in special tax revenue for the 2017/18 fiscal year.

Director DeLaurentis made a motion to approve the Resolution No. 7-2016/17 Providing for the Levy and Collection of Special Tax Measure A for Fiscal Year 2017/18. A second was given by Director Ryland. Carried

Roll call:

Ayes: Harris, Grenfell, Ryland, DeLaurentis, Harris Noes: None Abstain: None Absent: Mullin

Special Tax Collection Authorization: Staff recommends approval of the resolution requesting the collection of charges on the tax roll by Placer County. Chief Walder explained that this is standard procedure each year authorizing Placer County to collect the District's special tax on behalf of the District.

Director Ryland made a motion to approve the Resolution No.8-2016/17. A second was given by Director DeLaurentis. Carried

Roll call:

Ayes: Harris, Grenfell, Ryland, DeLaurentis, Harris Noes: None Abstain: None Absent: Mullin

Apprentice Firefighter Wage Increase: Staff recommends discussion and approval to increase the Apprentice Firefighter hourly rate currently at \$12 per hour. The hourly rate needs to be adjusted due to the increase in employee cost share of PERS. Chief Walder explained that the Apprentice Firefighter position is an at-will unrepresented employee of the District earning \$12 per hour. Apprentice Firefighters are enrolled in CalPERS as safety members. With the negotiated change in employee contributions to the Safety Plan, staff recommends a wage increase to cover the increased cost to the employee. The additional .50% in employee PERS contribution would cost the employee an additional \$400 per year.

Director Ryland made a motion to increase the Apprentice Firefighter wage to \$13 per hour, with an additional salary review in January. A second was given by Director DeLaurentis. Carried

Ayes: Harris, Grenfell, Ryland, DeLaurentis, Harris Noes: None Abstain: None Absent: Mullin

#### INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

None

Correspondence: A letter was received thanking Deputy Chief Fowler and Engineer Stephens for their support of the 2017 California Fire Mechanics Academy. A card thanking the District for the response during a medical call on March 5, 2017. An announcement for the change of command ceremony for the City of Folsom new Fire Chief, Felipe Rodriguez. The PARS fund account statement from the month of April along with their recent audit report.

#### Chief's Report:

- Met with Local 522 regarding the upcoming transition from Local 3809. Formal recognition process was given so that the Board EERO can be completed. 30% of the members will need to petition the Board and an additional election will need to be held that must occur three months before the end of a contract to change their representation.
- Chief Gow retiring on June 30 and his replacement is in training.
- Loomis Fire responded to a wild land fire off of King Rd the fire was kept to 3 acres.
- A two acre fire occurred on Eureka Road one week ago.
- Several critical auto accidents have occurred that have verified the need for multiple sets of auto extrication equipment.
- Major structure fire on Hidden Lakes on Father's Day that was well involved upon arrival. Battalion Chief Feeley and crews did an outstanding job during extreme conditions with mutual and automatic aid resources from Placer and Sacramento County.

- 2 hours of mandatory training each day
- CGI training new equipment on all apparatus.
- EMS Training on Cardiac Emergencies was held at Station 28
- New Hose and nozzle training technique almost complete.
- The 1945 Ford Antique truck will need a new instrument cluster with Mechanic Bettencourt researching the options. The American LaFrance needs to have some split rim pieces manufactured and costs range about \$1,000 with parts hard to come by.
- Truck 17 has been in the shop for annual maintenance and the guide rails need to be replaced.
- The Loomis Board has authorized to enter into contract for a new Type 1 engine for \$630,000 after the joint committee built the spec, saving \$30,000 for prompt payment.
- Chief Mrozinski passed away from cancer and the service was held at the Sunset Community Center on Friday 6/23.
- Two Engineers have made it through the testing process and have been offered positions.
- Paramedic testing is beginning soon with 3 positions open.
- Three candidates are still in different stages of the background investigation.
- Placer County has approved the District's Code Adoption Resolutions.
- Division Chief Ritter has been busy with weed abatement code enforcement and plan review.

Functions: None

Board/Staff Comments: Director DeLaurentis commended the crew for a medical call to Hidden Valley for their great service during a suspected stroke victim.

Future Agenda Items: Preliminary Budget 17/18, CalPERS Contract Amendment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 19th, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,



Recording Secretary, Kathy Medeiros