

SOUTH PLACER FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2009

REGULAR BUSINESS

The South Placer Fire District Board of Directors regular meeting was called to order on Wednesday, February 18, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. by President, Mike DeLaurentis.

Present:

Mike DeLaurentis, President
Craig Powell, Vice President
Dave Giblin, Clerk
Gary Grenfell, Director
Jeff Moss, Director

Absent:

Staff in Attendance:

Chief Tony Corado
Board Secretary Debbie Frick
Division Chief Bryan Ransdell
Fire Marshal Bob Richardson

Consent Agenda: Director Powell made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Director Grenfell.

Carried

OLD BUSINESS

Fire Recovery USA: Mike Rivera from Fire Recovery USA gave a presentation on the program the company provides. He explained that the program allows the agency to recover costs incurred from rendering rescue services at auto accidents and other incidents. The costs are recovered from the responsible party. They are able to collect over 70% of what they bill.

Director DeLaurentis asked what the terms of the contract were.

Mr. Rivera stated that they are one year but the contract could be canceled at any time.

Director Powell asked if the information needed to bill the other parties was normally collected by the District.

Chief Corado stated that those employees on scene do not collect all the information that would be needed. The Sheriff's Office collects some of the information that would be required but it would not be difficult for the District to do.

There were some questions and discussion on how the program would work and Mr. Rivera stated that it could be set up to the District's specifications.

Gann Limit Election and Special Tax: Chief Corado and Director DeLaurentis met with David McMurchie, a consultant regarding the Gann Limit Election. It was his view that the District would not

exceed the Gann Limit and would therefore not be subject to the election every four years. Chief Corado stated that the next step would be to seek a legal opinion from Mr. McMurchie's firm.

Director Grenfell made a motion to move forward with getting a legal opinion.

Ayes: DeLaurentis, Grenfell, Giblin Noes: Powell Abstain: Moss

Carried

NEW BUSINESS

International Fire Code Adoption: Fire Marshal Bob Richardson reviewed the International Fire Code. He stated that there have been several fire codes in existence. California, Placer County and South Placer Fire District have used the Uniform Fire Code. The International Fire Code was created in 1994 and there have been efforts to merge the other fire codes into a single International Fire Code. The codes can be modified to support specific requirements.

Director DeLaurentis asked if that meant the District could change the code.

Fire Marshal Richardson explained that the District could make the requirements of the code stricter but they couldn't be less than the requirements of the International Fire Code. He stated that one requirement the District was looking at was to require fire sprinklers in all construction.

Director Powell stated that he thought it might be better to have sprinkler requirements for new construction and not additions.

The Board agreed to review the Ordinance which will be brought back in March for final adoption.

Vacant Board Position: Chief Corado stated that Director Moss had indicated that he would resign effective February 25, 2009. He explained the process to fill the vacant position. An advertisement would be placed to seek interested candidates who would submit letters of interest. The letters of interest would be accepted until March 27th. Interviews would be conducted on April 2nd with the selected candidate to be appointed at the April board meeting.

Director Grenfell made a motion to accept Director Moss's resignation from the board effective February 25, 2009, accept letters of interest until March 27th and to conduct interviews on April 2, 2009.

2008/2009 Goals: Chief Corado reviewed the 2008/2009 Goals and gave an update on the status and progress made to date.

Anticipated Budget Reduction Planning: Chief Corado reviewed the budget and the ten year trend for revenue and expenditures. Payroll expenses have been parallel to property taxes in the past but the current trend is that payroll is moving higher than the property tax amount. There was discussion about possible solutions to reduce costs such as cutting service and operations and fixed assets. Chief Corado explained that at some point the District may have to look at staff reductions and layoffs. Apprentice Firefighters would be the first to go and then layoffs would normally be done on a seniority basis. The District would offer to meet and confer with the bargaining units to see if there were some things that could be reduced in the staffing plan to decrease overtime.

Information and Discussion Items: None

Committee and Monthly Reports: Chief Corado stated that Director Giblin has been elected to the board of FDAC.

Correspondence: None

Chief's Report: Chief Corado reported on the following items:

Testing for Paramedic Firefighter and Apprentice Firefighter is on going and Deputy Chief Lawrence Bettencourt and Division Chief Bryan Ransdell are doing an excellent job.

Fees for Service have been keeping up with costs therefore no recommendation for change is being made.

Functions:

Kiwanis, VFW, Knights of Columbus and Lions Club are having an auction on May 16, 2009.

Board/Staff Comments: None

Future Agenda Items:

International Fire Code Ordinance

Closed Session: The District has a buyer for the Douglas Blvd property and it is now in escrow. The escrow period is 60 days.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary
Debbie Frick