

Battle Creek Fire District

Minutes of a Regular Meeting

October 10, 2019

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM by ^{Ray S.} ~~Jim DeHaai~~ in the Hayward Fire Hall with Directors Esposti, Reder, Summers, and Van Sambeek present. Fire Chief Paul Johnson, Bookkeeper Garrett Dixon, Brad Lindblom, and several Firefighters in attendance. Director DeHaai was absent for family reasons.

Minutes of the August 22nd District meeting were distributed by email before the meeting and available in hardcopy at the meeting. A comment is inserted that in reference to item #6, "The arrangement was by Chief Johnson, not Director Cofoid." The minutes were approved upon motion by Cofoid and second of Esposti.

Van Sambeek presented the Financial Report as of September 19th, 2019 (the monthly closing date for bank statements using an abbreviated balance sheet and bank statements. No related actions were taken, and it was move by Esposti and seconded by Cofoid to accept the financials as presented – carried unopposed. Copies of the material presented are attached to these minutes.

Unfinished Business and Updates

The District's 2020 Tax Request was formally approved by the counties at \$382,849 (compared to \$362,142 for year 2019). This represents a nominal 1 mil tax levy, as requested.

New Business

Summers raised the question of whether the Board and officers are covered by Directors' and Officers' Insurance and if the Treasurer is bonded. The immediate answer is no, but that Pennington County might have some umbrella-type coverage. No action taken.

Items from Chief

1. A couple of the station signs still need to be put up.
2. The memberships for both the volunteer side and the stipend side of the Department remain stable, but less than desired.
3. Dave Lindblom reported that the Custer County Advisory Board has \$500,000 allocated by County Commissioners. Commissioners want a comprehensive fire plan/study from all firefighting entities at an allocated cost of \$20-30,000 per entity with the remainder potentially proportioned on a tax valuation basis. Informally, the Commissioners' direction seems to be for improving structures protection, which aligns the critical needs identified earlier by BCFD as 2-1/2-inch hose, bunker gear, and communications.
4. The replacement Type-6 brush truck (actually a Type 5, 2011 Ford-350 with 60,000 miles with utility box, 400-gallon water tank, and gasoline engine purchased for \$30,000) is still waiting on suspension-spring replacements.

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Additional Items

The draft of "Meeting-Use Policy for Fire Halls" was distributed to the Station Chiefs and is considered to *now be in effect*.

The Battle Creek Firefighter Association Christmas part will be in early January. District Directors are invited.

As point of information, at the next Annual Meeting (typically February each year), the following Director's 2-year terms will be done: John Esposti, David Cofoid, and Butch Reder.

No other items were brought before the Board.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on January 9th, 2020 at the Hayward Fire Hall.

Adjournment

Moved by Van Sambeek & seconded by Cofoid to adjourn – passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted by Leo Van Sambeek, Secretary/Treasurer