

Battle Creek Fire District

Minutes of a Regular Meeting

June 26, 2019

Meeting called to order at 6:37 PM by Jim DeHaai in the Hayward Fire Hall with four Directors (DeHaai, Cofoid, Reder, and Van Sambeek), Fire Chief Paul Johnson, Assistant Chief Dale Gadbois, Bookkeeper Garrett Dixon, and several Firefighters in attendance. Directors Ray Summers and John Esposti were absent for family matters.

Minutes of the May 16th District meeting taken by Esposti were distributed by email before the meeting. The minutes were approved upon motion by Cofoid and second of Reder.

Van Sambeek presented the Financial Report using an abbreviated balance sheet and bank statements. No related actions were taken and it was move by Cofoid and seconded by Reder to accept the Financials as presented – carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business and Updates

Regarding station signage, the Keystone sign is up and the other two station signs are in-hand and ready to install. The signs were paid for out of District funds (not through the fire department account).

The water company offered a net \$11,500 for the 0.62 acre land parcel next to Hayward fore station. Their offer was \$15,000 less \$3,500 for a closing costs allowance. By motion of Cofoid and second of Van Sambeek, the Board approve a counter offer of \$14,000 (net) with all costs borne by the buyer, as had been previously approved at the May 16th meeting. Passed unopposed.

The sale of the Iron Mountain Substation is underway by McPhearson Online Auctions with a bid conclusion of July 18th and minimum acceptable sales price (reserve) of \$76,500. President Dehaai volunteered to check with McPherson Auction Services to discuss if the bid-ending date could be changed until between August 13 and 20th (until after the Sturgis Rally). The substation and another nearby property are already being shown, so delaying the bidding might not be possible.

Items from Chief

1. The firefighter associate degree program through the Department is still being pursued. The most significant issue is finding a suitable housing incentive for up to 6 students while they receive training and work as stipend employees. The housing incentive is considered “key” to enticing students to work for the District while train.
2. Items removed from the Iron Mountain station include the 20kW generator (to be installed at Keystone to replace 60kW generator), communications tower, and lockers (1/2 each to Keystone and Hermosa stations).
3. The normal Pancake Feed in Keystone during the Rally will be Saturday and Sunday, August 3rd and 4th.
4. Dale Gadbois distributed a first draft of “Meeting-Use Policy for Fire Halls”. The policy will be reviewed, revised, and corrected before the next meeting.

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5. The purchase of a new ladder truck is nearing completion with delivery expected early next week. The truck was purchased for \$98,000 pending repairs to third-party identified problems with a ladder rung and its stabilizer – repairs required for certification, which was a condition of the District's offer.
6. The replacement Type-6 brush truck (2011 Ford-350 with 60,000 miles with utility box, 400 gallon water tank, and gasoline engine) was purchased for \$30,000. As was known beforehand, the skid unit and wheel-well modifications, and suspension spring replacement are underway. A light bar and possibly a heavier bumper will be swapped from the old truck.
7. The pump on the Engine in Keystone is "broken." Mechanics are checking it out and preliminary estimates are \$10-15,000 likely to repair, possibly as high as \$25,000. In the Departments opinion, "the truck is good enough to warrant such repairs." Van Sambeek moved to repair if cost is no greater than \$25,000 with money from District's general account. Second by Cofoid and motion passed unopposed.
8. The parking lot at Hermosa has an "expanding mud hole" that needs repair. Cofoid requested and reviewed 3 bids for fill materials. The low bid was Cam Miller/Simons for six loads of fill delivered at \$25/ton. Additional costs will be \$250 rentals for skidsteer and iron-wheel packer. Reder moved, with second by Van Sambeek, to allocate \$3,000 for parking lot repair at Hermosa. Motion passed unopposed.

Additional Items

No other items were brought before the Board.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on August 22, 2019 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