

Seal Rock Rural Fire Protection District

Regular Monthly Board Meeting – June 15, 2023

Call to Order: 1700 hrs/5:00 pm

Roll Call: Four directors in attendance. A quorum was met. (Mike Burt absent)

Others: Chief Ewing, Lynda Engle, Jeremy Garbina,

1.0 Guest Input: None

2.0 Public Hearing: President, Karl Kowalski, opened up the hearing for discussion and public comments on the 2023-24 budget year. There were no comments. Hearing was closed by Kowalski.

Agenda: Previous month's minutes and this agenda were approved by the Board.

REPORTS:

4.1 Motion to transfer \$80,877.00 from General Local Gov't Investment Pool account to General Bank Account to pay bills/payroll. Motion made by Director Rimola and 2nd by Director Pelligrinelli. Passed unanimous.

Director Rimola discussed the necessity to make transfers between the acct's and requested that a reminder be put on next month's agenda to transfer \$25,000 from the General Fund to the Truck & Building Fund to continue to make payments on the Green Building (Building C).

Rimola reiterated the new bill paying process with it's checks and balances so that double paying a vendor or missing a payment to someone is minimized. The new purchase order system that's used now in the office helps also.

Rimola reminded the Board that next month there would be 4 board members starting new terms and we should have an "Oath of Office" form for swearing them in. All in all, he said, the State of the District is doing OK!

4.2 Chief Ewing began his report with the runs from the previous month. Our District is already responding to grass/brush fire calls due to barely any moisture on the ground. Earlier fire season declaration than is normal by the ODF statewide.

Commenting on the current budget, the Chief said he had halted any elective repairs on both buildings and equipment as of mid-May. He has worked on simplifying the new budget for 2023-24, having fewer categories, for example. In order to have real-time access to our financials and as part of our accountability, we will be adding QuickBooks to the admin staff's computers and have regular updates and checking balances each week.

Director Pelligrinelli asked if he'd made any progress with looking for another dispatch provider. Chief said he has looked into Toledo and some others and will continue pursuing that.

Today we have 3 paramedics, 10 EMT's and 9 EMRs. Seventeen volunteers are to FF1 level training. SRFD logged over 200 hours of training in May.

Volunteer Ben Spangler, only 19 years old, has recently passed his EMT course through local OCCC and is mostly done with FF1 training. His older brother, Nick, is one of our new volunteers.

Chief Ewing spoke about the shortage of PPE and how we are getting around that with grants, as well as a grant for the fit tester. Next grant he will be requesting a 6x6 ETV for both beach use and future use in disaster response.

4.3 SLER Volunteer Assoc: Jeremy Garbina talked about the good response at both a recent beach fire and a mutual aid response to a structure fire. There was plenty of vol response to the out of district fire while still having adequate coverage within our district. He commended volunteer Jeff Mathia from PWA for offering medical training to the group as he is able.

SRFD will have 2 apparatus in this coming weekends Beachcomber's parade on Saturday. One will remain on site for the children's "Touch a Truck" along with one from COCFD.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1 The Chief's evaluation will be completed by next meeting in July and be reviewed at that time.

5.2 Request from Rimola to add the orientation for new board members onto the 2024 calendar to be in June of that year. Oath of Office for new Board terms will be held in July, next month.

NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Two new Resolutions:

Res. 2023-3 (Regarding the '23-'24 budget) Motion was made by Skip Smith to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Paul Rimola. 4 yeas, Approved and passed. (Mike Burt not in attendance)

Res. 2023-4 Regarding \$52,000.00 from FF Levy and Fire Chief levy be moved into the General Fund. Motion to adopt by Skip Smith, seconded by Dave Pelligrinelli. 4 yeas, Approved and passed. (Again, no Mike Burt)

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Director Smith requested that the papers in the Board packets be numbered according to the numbers on the Agenda.

Smith presented two clocks to the District which were handmade by his friend. They each have our logos on them and are very cool! Much thanks to Director Smith for his contribution and to his friend for his craftsmanship.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

ADJOURNMENT: 6:55