

Peardale-Chicago Park
Fire Protection District
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

August 13, 2009
Call to Order 7:02 pm
Meeting Minutes

1. Roll call of Board and Introduction of Guests:

Board Members Present: Cheryl Domnitch
Dave Collins
Carl Van Son

Board Members Absent: John Felde, Barney Dewey

Others Present: Chief Jim Bierwagen
Battalion Chief Ken Hood
Secretary Debbie Bierwagen
Larry Eckman
Jim Young

2. Approval of the Agenda/Additions to the Agenda: **Dave Collins moved to approve the agenda as presented. Carl Van Son seconded. Passed with 3 ayes.**

3. Public Input: None.

4. Minutes of July 9, 2009: **Carl Van Son moved to accept the minutes with the correction of changing the date of the minutes to July 9, 2009. Dave Collins seconded. Passed with 3 ayes.**

5. JPA Meeting Update: Cheryl Domnitch reported that although there was no quorum, the guests were able to speak to those present so they would not have to come back. Chris DeSena also corrected the misinformation about the dispatch center costs. Mr. Eckman noted that all radios have to be narrow banded by January 2013, can be re-programmed for this, and thought that JPA should be aware of this. Cheryl also noted that the secretary had resigned, and that the prior secretary had been asked to step in for a short time to help.

6. Administrative Report (Bierwagen):

A. Administrative Report: Chief Bierwagen reported that the department responded to 23 incidents, one of note was the fire at the Cedar Ridge Market. He also reviewed the Chief's Comments and noted that the lighting at station 257 had been upgraded to be more energy efficient, and that FF Rick Blakemore had been accepted to the National Fire Academy in 2010.

B. Purchase Request: none

C. Communications Received: There were two items of communications received during the month. The first was the notice from Nevada County with the assessed values for the current fiscal year (\$487,449,163), and the second was the result from the LAFCo election, noting that Ed Beckenbach was the new Alternate Special District Member.

7. Financial Report (Van Son):

A. Warrants: Carl Van Son reported that the total warrants written for the month were \$32,710.17.

B. Review & Possible Acceptance of FY 2008/2009 GASB Report: The board reviewed the Management's Discussion and Analysis element of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) report and, **Dave Collins moved to accept it as presented. Carl Van Son seconded. Passed with 3 ayes.**

8. Personnel Report (Felde):

A. Adopt Standard for Training Program-Approval of Resolution 2009-03: Upon review of changes brought back from last month, **Carl Van Son moved to approve Resolution 2009-03, Resolution Outlining Training Standards, Guidelines and Qualification Systems. Dave Collins seconded.** Chair Cheryl Domnitch asked for any discussion and Mr. Eckman noted that he thought that "stating specifications like this can get you into trouble". He further read off dates obtained from the internet with regard to each item in the resolution, and noted that he could not find anything called the "National Wildfire Coordinating Group Training Standards. BC Ken Hood rebutted his statement, noting that

item 4 is from item 3 (in the resolution), and that if Mr. Eckman would like he could obtain a copy of the document in question. With no further discussion, the resolution was **Passed with 3 ayes**.

9. Equipment/Facilities Projects (Collins): Dave Collins and Chief Bierwagen reported that the skid mount pump installation would require an overnight trip and be done by the end of the month.
10. Old Business:
 - A. Highway Sign - Report from Committee: Dave Collins reported that the sign should be done in the upcoming week. Chief Bierwagen noted that the Smokey Bear sign is being worked on by a volunteer firefighter.
 - B. Continued Website Discussion: Chief Bierwagen handed out a copy of an email from Board Member Barney Dewey which noted his concerns about the web site. Cheryl read them out loud for the benefit of all present and asked for discussion. Both Carl and Dave noted that they liked the web site, understood Barney's concerns, but would like to direct Chief Bierwagen speak to Deborah McBroom about the items on the email and do a follow-up next month.
 - C. Discussion & Board Action on Emergency Phone Housing: Chief Bierwagen reported that after doing research, the outdoor housing presented by BC Ken Hood at the June board meeting was the best price available. It was also noted that there would be no monthly fees since this phone will be tied into our current phone line. **Carl Van Son moved to spend up to \$1000.00 to put a phone at both fire stations (phones, housing , signs, and installation) . Dave Collins seconded. Passed with 3 ayes.**
11. New Business:
 - A. Board Discussion & Possible Action on Recommendations for New Valuations Sta. 257: Chief Bierwagen noted that this item had been discussed a few months ago when the "what if" scenario of station 257 burning down was discussed, and the board wanted to know replacement costs in that event. The board reviewed the information and directed Chief Bierwagen to obtain the answers to several questions, including: How much are we saving, compared to what we pay now? What is the deductible? Is there any advantage to modifying the deductible? and, Why is the value lowering on station 57? These should be reported back at the next meeting.
12. Agenda Items for Next Meeting: Final Budget Adoption; VFA Grant Approval & Resolution; Station 257 valuation continued discussion.
13. Adjournment of Meeting: 7:46 p.m.

Deborah A. Bierwagen
District Secretary

Approved By: