

Meeting Minutes 10/13/20

Minutes of the Meeting of the Garrison Fire District Held on the 13th of October 2020

1. Call to Order. The meeting of the Commissioners of the Garrison Fire District was called to order by Commissioner Lomonaco, at 7:20 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Commissioner Brower, Commissioner Lomonaco, Commissioner Prentice, and Commissioner Bohl

A quorum was present.

Other's Present: Secretary, Chief, and members of the Company

2. Pledge of Allegiance. The pledge was led by Commissioner Lomonaco.

3. A Moment of Silence. Commissioner Brower led those assembled in a moment of silence for 3 recently deceased members: Peter Von Bergen, Elisa Tuttle, Barbara Prescott.

4. Secretary's Minutes.

On a motion by Commissioner Brower, which was seconded by Commissioner Prentice, the Board moved to approve the minutes from the September 14th meeting. The vote was, Yays: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor. Motion Carried.

5. Treasurer's Report.

- a. After discussion, the September Report will not be approved as there are questions to be resolved by the next meeting.
- b. The Board feels they should have been forewarned by the Treasurer that the pending projects needed to be publicly advertised and accepted via sealed bid. Commissioner Lomonaco is working with the District's attorney to resolve the issue and be in compliance.

On a motion by Commissioner Lomonaco, which was seconded by Commissioner Bohl, the Board moved to transfer \$15,000 into the Appartus Reserve Fund for a Chief's vehicle from the savings account. The vote was, Yays: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor. Motion Carried.

6. Chief's Report.

- a. The Chief handed out a copy of his call log and a report. They were discussed and are attached to these minutes.
- b. There was an issue with 911 dispatching the correct department regarding hiking trails. Email regarding issue from Battalion Chief 19 Ralph Falloon attached. Commissioner Bohl will speak with the District's attorney regarding the issue and report back to the Board.
- c. At the direction of the Board, \$15,000 from the current budget will be held for gear purchase being made but due to backorder issues won't arrive and be billed until March 2021.
- d. A large amount of gear needs to be ordered and it will be over the line item in the budget.
- e. The chief has obtained 3 bids for the FLOTO pump for the grant purchase.
- f. Nick Sears is now an interior firefighter after finishing his training.
- g. New member Lilly Albertson was brought before the Board.

On a motion by Commissioner Lomonaco, which was seconded by Commissioner Bohl, the Board moved to approve the new member as long as she passes her physical. The vote was, Yays: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor. Motion Carried.

On a motion by Commissioner Bohl, which was seconded by Commissioner Brower, the Board moved to approve the Chief's report as spoken. The vote was, Yays: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor. Motion Carried.

7. President/Company Report.

- a. The company is looking to have a small dinner at Station #2 to replace the dinner that had to be postponed due to COVID planning to take place the 2nd week in December.
- b. There are plans underway to convert the current members room into a gear room and move the members room up to the 2nd floor.
- c. The Company presented the Board with a corrected Projected 2020 Budget which is attached to these minutes.

On a motion by Commissioner Lomonaco, which was seconded by Commissioner Prentice, the Board approved paying for the catering for the dinner. The vote was, Yays: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor. Motion carried.

8. Correspondence.

- a. The Board received a letter from the District's Attorney with an update on the remaining retainer.
- b. Commissioner Brower presented a letter to the Board that Commissioner Freilich wrote to the Highlands Current Newspaper. A number of the other members of the Board are unclear as to what it was supposed to accomplish and found it to contain inaccuracies. Those members of the Board would like to discuss it with Commissioner Freilich at the next meeting he is present. A copy of the letter is attached to these minutes.
- c. The FCC Radio Licensing was expiring last week. Commissioner Lomonaco worked with the Chief to get it renewed, due to the paperwork being listed with the Company info.

9. Apparatus.

- a. Covered in the Chief's Report.

10. Building and Grounds.

- a. Painting finished at Station #1 and Station #2.
- b. Waiting on door for storage trailer.
- c. Ramp used for the flu clinic will also be used for the election.

11. Finance & Insurance.

- a. Commissioner Prentice needs updated names by 10/31/20 for the Cancer Policy renewal.
- b. Commissioner Prentice needs any updated information by 12/1/20 for the Property & Casualty Policy renewal.

12. Community Relations. Nothing to report.

13. LOSAP.

- a. At the suggestion of the Governor the Board passed a resolution to amend how LOSAP points were awarded during the COVID-19 outbreak. The Resolution is attached to these minutes.

14. Long Term Planning

- a. The Committee will be having a meeting.

15. Grants.

- a. Commissioner Lomonaco is working with the District's attorney for the Air Breathing System to go out to bid.

16. District Health & Safety.

- a. Active members have been given until January to get any past due physicals postponed due to COVID.
- b. Commissioner Bohl is submitting a list of members eligible to get physicals to TEK.

17. Web. The website is still pending.

18. Policies & Procedure. There were no policy and procedure matters to discuss.

19. Old Business.

- a. The inventory of vehicles still needs to be completed.
- b. Commissioner Bohl is handling the PESH violations that need to be finalized and resolved by 10/14/20.

20. New Business.

- a. Ralph Falloon, Battalion 19 Chief, made a presentation to the Board regarding the new radio's explaining options and what each style's capability is. At present it is likely that the County will only provide radio's for the trucks and the rest will need to be purchased by the District. The Board expressed their appreciation to Chief Falloon for taking the time to come and speak with them during the meeting.
- b. The Inspection Dinner has been rescheduled for Friday 11/12/21.
- c. The Budget Hearing will be on Tuesday October 20th. Followed by a Special Meeting.
- d. The next District Meeting will be on Monday November 9th.
- e. Deadline for candidates to file their name and petition with the District Secretary is Wednesday November 18th.
- f. The Election will take place on Tuesday December 8th.

Public Comments. There were no public comments.

21. Presentation of vouchers. The Board then reviewed the checks that were to be issued.

On a motion by Commissioner Brower, which was seconded by Commissioner Bohl, the Board approved the payment of vouchers in the amount of \$22,417.68. The vote was, Yays: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor. Motion carried.

22. Meeting Adjournment. With no further business to conduct, on a motion by Commissioner Lomonaco, was seconded by Commissioner Bohl, the meeting was adjourned at 9:58 p.m. The vote was, Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor, Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Cristin Erickson, Fire District Secretary