

GENESEE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Minutes of July 21, 2021
Board of Directors' Meeting

Board Members in Attendance: Nancy Balter, JP Brewer, Patti Harris (by zoom), Scott Mefford

Board Members Excused: Susan Eagle

Also Attending: Chief Puffett, Deputy Chief Joe Auster, Wildland Specialist Dorie Dalton, Training Chief Ryan Babcock, Doug Barenburg, Bob Dalton, Dan Hammock, Hank O'Brien, Mark Villa

Call to Order: 18:00 by Director Mefford

Minutes of Prior Meetings:

- A motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously to accept the minutes of the June 16, 2021 Board meeting.

Public Comment and Announcements: none

Financial Reports

- **Review of June Financials**
 - The June, 2021 financial report was presented by Chief Puffett
 - A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to accept the year-to-date financials as presented.
- **2022 Budget**
 - Chief Puffett provided a calendar for presentation and consideration of the 2022 budget.

Reports of Officers, Committees, Professional Consultants

- **Wildland Specialist Dorie Dalton's Report**
 - Dorie has completed a number of Wildfire Prepared home assessments.
 - A letter was sent to the Genesee Foundation Board and ARC asking that the Tree Removal Policy treat the marking of trees for defensible space by someone certified by the Wildfire Prepared program the same way as marking by someone certified by Jefferson County.
 - The first meeting of the working group consisting of representatives from the various HOAs was held.
 - Dorie discussed several ways in which she has interacted with community groups.
 - The WiRē questionnaire has been finalized and will be mailed to residents in August.
- **Training Chief Ryan Babcock's Report**
 - Chief Babcock reviewed the training that has occurred and is scheduled to occur.
 - The Academy will start in August.
 - An engineer academy and aerial academy are scheduled.
 - Four firefighters got new bunker gear.
 - GFR sent a crew to the Sylvan Lake fire. A system is in place to assure that sending crews to fires out of District does not compromise the Department's coverage at home.
- **Deputy Chief Joe Auster's Report**
 - Deputy Chief Auster introduced each of the Coordinators who were present to give their reports.
 - Events: Mark Villa
 - There will be a golf tournament followed by BBQ on August 15. Invitations have gone out.
 - The Open House will be September 18, 11 am – 2 pm. A number of other agencies will be represented.
 - Apparatus: Dan Hammock
 - All apparatus are in service with no issues
 - New tires were purchased for 932 and 954 to provide better off-road performance.
 - Recruiting: Hank O'Brien
 - recruiting officially ended July 4. Six recruits will be starting the Academy next month.

- 2-3 additional recruits are in the pipeline for next year.
- Facilities: Bob Dalton
 - There was some outside wall damage related to the trash service handling of the dumpster. Insurance will handle recovery from the trash service.
- Medical: Doug Barenburg
 - about 1/3 of the firefighters have EMT certification
 - Doug is looking to develop a skills program in conjunction with Highland Rescue
 - Bob Dalton is leading an exercise/physical fitness class that is helping increase endurance.

Old Business

- **Rotary Wildfire Ready:** Nancy Balter reported that the Rotary Wildfire Ready educational truck was at the Flatirons church Saturday during the car show. There was a fair amount of interest given that people were there to look at the cars.

New Business:

- Chief Puffett discussed the plan for placing signage in 6 areas identified in the CWPP as potential “rallying points.” There will be an educational effort so the community is aware of what these are.
- There was a discussion of whether the rapid home assessment data collected as part of the WiRē program should be made public and, if so, how.
- The draft Employee Personnel Handbook was discussed.

There being no further business, the Board meeting was adjourned at 19:25 hours.