

GENESEE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Minutes of August 17, 2022

Board of Directors' Meeting

Board Members in Attendance: Nancy Balter, JP Brewer, Scott Mefford

Board Members Excused: Patti Harris, Susan Eagle

Also Attending: Jason Puffett, Ryan Babcock, Christina Jantzeff, Joe Auster, Dorie Dalton, Bob Dalton, Ryan Gaddis

Call to Order: 18:17 by Director Mefford

Minutes of Prior Meetings:

- A motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously to accept the minutes of the July 20, 2022 Board meeting.

Public Comment and Announcements:

- none

Financial Reports

- **Review of July Financials**
 - The July, 2022 financial report was presented by Christina Jantzeff
 - Review of notable payables: none
 - A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to accept the year-to-date financials as presented.
- Draft 2023 Budget and Forecast
 - Chief Puffett and Deputy Chief Auster reviewed proposed 2023 capital expenditures for Board feedback.
 - The preliminary budget forecast for 2023 was reviewed. Some of the expenditures will be nailed down in the upcoming months.
 - The forecast for reserve fund total over the next 10-15 years, taking into account anticipated capital expenditures, was presented. The effect of financing large capital expenses was illustrated, as well as the effect of continued inflationary pressure.

Reports of Officers, Committees, Professional Consultants

- **Wildland Specialist Dorie Dalton's Report**
 - The slash disposal event, supported in part by an FAC grant, was a huge success. There were close to 100 volunteer hours associated with the event and over 100 cu yd of chipped slash was generated.
 - Wildland Prepared assessments: over 100 completed to date, scheduled through September
 - The next Neighborhood Ambassadors meeting has been scheduled.
 - GFRPD partnered with Genesee Foundation on a successful AIM grant application for roadside thinning as recommended in the CWPP. The grant can serve as template for other HOA/GFRPD applications.
- **Training Chief Ryan Babcock's Report**
 - Chief Babcock reviewed recent training accompanied by photos
 - Academy has started with 3 recruits
- **Deputy Chief Joe Auster's Report**
 - Total calls are up compared with last year. Response times and number of firefighters/call are good.
 - Events: GFR Auxiliary is helping with social events; party at Genesee Pub later this month and Open House in September
 - Apparatus: all equipment in service
 - Recruiting: as of now, there are 3 possible candidates to begin the next academy.
 - Facilities: all ok except for the scent/smell/odor in the bay. Working on tracking down the source.
 - Medical: trainings continue
 - Wildland: coordinating with other departments and continuing to tweak equipment

Old Business

- Board workshop: agenda items were discussed and a request made to move the meeting to 6:30.

New Business

- FAMILI Program Introduction: This is a state-run program that allows for family leave with pay. We already have a Federal government-compliant policy on family leave. The State program includes some continuing income while on family leave, funded through contributions by the employee, matched by contributions from GFPD. GFPD must formally opt out of the program; otherwise, it will be included for 3 years. Chief Puffett will distribute the information to employees and report their feedback at the next Board meeting.

There being no further business, the Board meeting was adjourned at 20:08 hours.