

## GENESEE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Minutes of September 21, 2022

Board of Directors' Meeting

**Board Members in Attendance:**, JP Brewer (Zoom), Scott Mefford, Patti Harris, Susan Eagle

**Board Members Excused:** Nancy Balter

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

**Call to Order:** 18:07 by Director Mefford

### **Minutes of Prior Meetings:**

- A motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously to accept the minutes of the August 17, 2022 Board meeting.

### **Public Comment and Announcements:**

- none

### **Financial Reports**

- **Review of July Financials**
  - The August, 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 presented the minor changes to the draft 2023 budget for board review.

### **Reports of Officers, Committees, Professional Consultants**

- **Wildland Specialist Dorie Dalton's Report**
  - Wildland Prepared assessments: over 100 completed to date, scheduled through October
  - The next Neighborhood Ambassadors meeting occurred. Recruiting five more ambassadors.
  - Federal grant opportunity was presented to the Chimney Creek board of directors which provided a 75% match opportunity but after consideration they declined. Concerns noted were financial, what it would look like, and community education
  - A community presentation is being developed to provide community members with an understanding of how grants work and the mitigation standards that would be used
- **Training Chief Ryan Babcock's Report**
  - Chief Babcock reviewed recent training accompanied by photos
  - Firefighter 1 academy is halfway through and the recruits are doing well
- **Deputy Chief Joe Auster's Report**
  - Total calls are up nearly 30% over last year same period. Response times and number of firefighters/call are very good.
  - Events: GFR Open House was a success. Largest crowds in memory many compliments and over \$1,000 raised for the volunteer fund.
  - Apparatus: all equipment in service
  - Recruiting: as of now, there are 6 possible candidates to begin the next academy.
  - Facilities: all ok except for hydrant in front of the station. Working with water department to repair and add shutoff valves for the station.
  - Medical: trainings continue
  - Wildland: Recent deployment to California was discussed as was the federal and state reimbursement timing for GFR. The board discussed and acknowledged that the reimbursement could take anywhere from one to five months and determined that this was reasonable.

**Old Business**

- FAMLII was briefly discussed. The paid staff expressed that they did not see a benefit from the program. As such, a public hearing will be held in October and a resolution to opt-out of the program will be considered by the board.
- Wildland Specialist Dalton reminded the board that a community meeting hosted by the Genesee Foundation was scheduled for September 27<sup>th</sup>. Two main topics will be discussed: Wildland mitigation to date and a status update for the proposed emergency access road.

**New Business**

- No new business

**There being no further business, the Board meeting was adjourned at 18:48 hours.**