

GENESEE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Minutes of February 19, 2020

Board of Directors' Meeting

- **Board Members in Attendance:** Nancy Balter, Susan Eagle, Patti Harris, Scott Mefford, Beth Moran
- **Board Members Excused:** none
- **Call to Order:** 18:00 by Scott Mefford
- **Minutes of Prior Meetings:**
 - A motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously, to accept the minutes of the January, 2020 Board meeting.
- **Public Comment and Announcements**
 - None
- **Financial Reports**
 - **Review of December Financials**
 - The January, 2020 financial report was accepted as stated.
 - **Review of Notable Payables**
 - There was a discussion of tax receipts (none received in Jan), the reimbursement for 2019 Academy which was received in Jan, tire purchases, and the radiant heaters in the bay.
- **Reports of Officers, Committees, Professional Consultants**
 - **Deputy Chief's Report**
 - Year to date call volume 22 (vs. 16 for same period 2019)
 - The July 4th parade will start at GFR station; due to remodeling at the Genesee Foundation Vista Clubhouse, GFR will host the annual 7/4 Association event.
 - Captain Boyles and FF O'Brien prepared a recruiting plan which was presented by Deputy Chief Frame. This plan was well-received by the Board. It is suggested that the department consider some type of childcare service during Academy and trainings for recruits' families.
 - Facilities reports that radiant heat has been installed in the bays. A new railing will be installed from the offices to the bays.
 - Apparatus reports that the ladder truck repairs were covered by insurance. New thermal imaging cameras are on all apparatus.
 - No medical report
 - **Training Chief's Report**
 - attached to agenda
 - The new officer training program will begin in Feb; a new engineer class will begin in the Spring.
 - The incentive program will begin at the end of First Quarter, 2020.
- **Old Business**
 - **Community Wildfire Protection Plan Update**
 - A revised and more comprehensive proposal from Forest Stewards Guild was presented and discussed. The proposal includes both strategic and tactical maps, as well as community outreach. Some concerns were raised re: neighborhood sizes and secondary egress.
 - A discussion of the contract for the above services included comments re: insurance coverages, mediation, and what state will govern the contract. These questions will be conveyed to the attorney. The Board agreed to default to the attorney's recommendations.
 - A motion was made by N Balter, seconded by P Harris, to authorize the Chief to sign the contract (\$56,710) with the Guild pending the Chief's satisfaction with regard to the above concerns and attorney approval/recommendations on the contract. The motion was approved unanimously.

➤ **New Business**

▪ **Coronavirus Response Update**

- There was a discussion of our responses to the SARS virus in the past, and our readiness to address a Coronavirus outbreak should that ever occur here. Currently it is believed that GFR has adequate stocks of PPE to deal with an outbreak and that we now have may more firefighters better trained in medical response to an infectious disease incident than we did during the SARS epidemic. The Chief believes training and equipment are sufficient at this time, but will make sure that additional training is incorporated in the program as the need arises.

➤ **There was no need for an Executive Session**

➤ **The Board meeting was adjourned at 19:08 hours.**