

GENESEE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Minutes of November 16, 2022

Board of Directors' Meeting

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

Board Members Excused: Susan Eagle

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

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 October 19, 2022 Board meeting.

Public Comment and Announcements:

- none

Financial Reports

- **Review of October Financials**
 - The October, 2022 financial report was presented by Christina Jantzeff
 - A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to accept the year-to-date financials as presented.
- **2023 Budget Hearing**
 - The Budget Hearing was opened at 18:15; there being no public comment, it was closed at 18:15.
 - The draft budget resolution was presented for Board questions and comments.

Reports of Officers, Committees, Professional Consultants

- **Wildland Specialist Dorie Dalton's Report**
 - Wildland Prepared assessments: 123 assessments completed to date
 - Neighborhood Ambassadors met with another meeting scheduled for January.
 - Working on ideas for a slash pick-up event in 2023.
- **Training Chief Ryan Babcock's Report**
 - Chief Babcock reviewed recent training accompanied by photos
 - One additional recruit has joined the Academy.
 - Director Mefford asked about how the recently released review of the Marshall Fire has impacted thinking about wildfire response by GFR. Chief Puffett said that under extreme wind conditions, the strategic thinking needs to change. In a scenario where there was fire start originating Town Center or I-70, with winds out of the west as we saw in the District around the time of the Marshall Fire, evacuation from Genesee Village and Chimney Creek would be of primary concern. Making a stand against the spread of the fire would have to take into account the wind conditions. There was discussion about presenting a sandbox exercise to Genesee Village so that they understood their potential risk.
- **Deputy Chief Joe Auster's Report**
 - Total calls are up compared with last year with 243 call YTD. Response times and number of firefighters/call are good. The recruits have been very engaged.
 - Events: no current plans. The Auxiliary will take over responsibility for event planning in 2023.
 - Apparatus: all equipment in service; repairs and preventive maintenance complete for 971
 - Recruiting: Hank O'Brien continues to bring in candidates. Close to reaching maximum capacity for the department.
 - Facilities: there is a new dumpster; the fire hydrant is fixed.
 - Medical: trainings continue
 - Wildland: Lessons learned planned for November 17.

Old Business

- Emergency Access Route Update:
 - Chief Puffett stated that one proposal was reviewed by the Foundation in response to their RFP. It was from Baseline engineering and will be considered by the Foundation Board.
 - FAQs drafted by the Chief Puffett on behalf of GFR and by the Foundation Working Group will be published on the GFR and Foundation websites.
 - A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to add a sentence to the FAQ about whether GFR supported the southern EAR stating that the GFPD Board of Directors endorses the Genesee Foundation's current plan to conduct an engineering study that will identify the feasibility, and cost estimate for a purpose-built road in the southern corridor of the District.
- Apparatus Committee Update: Chief Puffett reported that the committee has developed a list of requirements for the new brush truck and has invited four vendors to meet individually with the committee in December for a discussion of specifications prior to submittal of bids. It is hoped that a contract for the truck can be finalized early in 2023.

New Business

- Haynie & Co Engagement Letter for 2023 audit.
 - Christina Jantzeff and Chief Puffett noted the 15% increase in cost, but were pleased with the past level of service and of the opinion that the cost was still reasonable.
 - A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to authorize Chief Puffett to sign the Engagement Letter.

There being no further business, the Board meeting was adjourned at 19:10.