

GENESEE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Minutes of September 20, 2023

Board of Directors' Meeting

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

Board Members Excused: none

Also Attending: Jason Puffett, Max Herte, Joe Auster, Dorie Dalton, Christina Jantze (by Zoom), Diane Davies (Genesee Foundation Board), Rod Cameron (Chief, Foothills Fire)

Call to Order: 18:03 by Director Mefford

Minutes of Prior Meetings:

- A motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously to accept the minutes of the August 16, 2023 Board meeting and the August 23, 2023 Board special meeting.

Public Comment and Announcements: none

Financial Reports

- **Review of July Financials**
 - The August, 2023 financial report was presented by Christina Jantze.
 - A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to accept the year-to-date financials as presented.
- **Review of Notable Payables:**
 - Christina Jantze discussed several notable payments, including purchases of a trailer, PPE and purchases associated with the 50th Anniversary celebration.
- **Selection of a Budget Officer:**
 - A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to name Patti Harris as the Budget Officer.
- **2024 Proposed Budget**
 - Chief Puffett presented the first draft of the 2024 budget.
 - Line items that were significantly changed from last year were explained.
 - Expected revenue under various scenarios were presented.

Reports of Officers, Committees, Professional Consultants

- **Wildland Specialist Dorie Dalton's Report**
 - Lt. Dalton discussed her wildland deployment to California and the invaluable experience she gained that is readily applicable to GFPD.
 - She will be applying for 4 separate grants, all in association with Brian Maillett, Genesee Foundation Open Space Manager
 - An AIM grant to support slash pickup and dropoff events in GFPD, Genesee Foundation and Riva Chase
 - A FRWRM grant to support Open Space mitigation in Genesee Foundation and Forest Hills
 - A capacity-building FRWRM grant for purchase of a chipper.
 - A COSWAP grant for a Mile High Youth Corps crew to do mitigation work in Genesee Foundation and Chimney Creek
 - Wildfire Prepared assessments are scheduled into October.
 - Ambassadors will meet later this month as a wrap-up of this year's activities
- **Administrator/Training Coordinator Max Herte's Report**
 - The joint Fire Academy has started. GFR has 4 recruits enrolled
 - Working on the 2024 Training calendar

- Working with St Anthony's to be able to have more in-house training
- Digitizing training and certification records for GFR personnel. Although time-consuming to set up, it will make things easier in the future.
- **Deputy Chief Joe Auster's Report**
 - 223 calls to date – about 50-50 medical and fire
 - All coordinator reports are status quo
 - The 50th anniversary party and Open House were both excellent events, with good attendance. The amount of participation by all the volunteers was crucial to the success. Special thanks to Mary who organized the support of the Auxiliary and Kim who made dozens of cookies.
 - Over \$4000 in donations were collected.

Old Business (discussed at the beginning of the meeting)

- **Emergency Access Route Easement**
 - A final Easement, approved by lawyers for both Genesee Foundation and GFPD was presented.
 - A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to authorize Chief Puffett to sign the easement as presented with two changes: one in 3.b.ii and one in paragraph 7.
 - The attorneys for GFPD and GWSD are working on an easement patterned after the one with Genesee Foundation. Once drafted, the Board agreed to a special meeting, if necessary, to approve the easement.

New Business:

- **Joint Training Officer IGA – GFPD and FFPD** (discussed at the beginning of the meeting)
 - Chiefs Puffett and Cameron discussed the benefits of having a joint training officer and joint trainings to better align and increase cooperation between the two departments.
 - The Board expressed its support for the concept, but wants to get input from the FFPD Board.
- **GFR Volunteer Appreciation:**
 - Director Balter suggested the Board write an article for Genescene describing the extent to which volunteer firefighters support the department.
 - Residents who wish to recognize their efforts can make a donation to the Volunteer Firefighter Fund.
 - Director Balter will draft the article. Volunteer Chief Auster will provide statistics about volunteer training, hours, etc.

There being no further business, the Board meeting was adjourned at 20:43.