

Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
February 10th, 2021
Mohawk Valley Fire Station #1
92068 Marcola Rd.

Call to Order: President Woodworth called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

Roll Call: Elmer Shew Quentin Holmes
Eric Stevenson Kevin Woodworth Peggy Schultz

Approval of Minutes: January 2021 board meeting

President Woodworth asked if there were any corrections to last month's board meeting minutes. There were none. President Woodworth asked for a motion for approval; Eric motioned to approve, and it was seconded by Peggy. It was approved 5-0.

Audience Participation (Citizen Testimony): none

Correspondence: A letter from Edward Arnold wanting to stay on the budget committee.

Emergency Prep Group:

We did a test with the general mobile radios and they have a good range. There was a discussion on the zone map and we are wanting certain residents in each zone to be the primary communicator to the department. Elmer asked about if the zone was set up the same as the power company; the power company will need the map to determine this.

Financial Report: January 2021 report

The report was reviewed. The highlights include:

- Annual pack testing; last year was free
- Air scrubber; recommended by OSHA to purify the air. The COVID funding ran out already before we could buy this
- Still waiting on conflagration reimbursement, it should be in by the end of the budget year

President Woodworth asked for a motion for approval; Elmer motioned to approve, and it was seconded by Quentin. It was approved 5-0.

Fire Chief Report: Officer's Report/ Maintenance Report/ Activity Report

The Activity Report was discussed with highlights that include:

- Chief's hours were included
- Two letters to the county commissioners to support the resident deputy position
- Standard meetings
- Outside training is still cancelled
- Calls steady for the month
- Every other month there is a check and clean night
- Annual testing for BBP/HIPPA and CPR Refresher
- Almost 80% of charting is done on an ipad; training occurred

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Maintenance Report

The Maintenance Report was not included but was discussed. The highlights include:

- VFA grant paperwork
- Annual tire inspections
- Received donated equipment worth \$22,000 from a fire service business. We have sent letters of appreciations. We are sure we can use all the equipment
- First install of fire detectors

Old Business:

1. Grants

We are hoping to hear about the seismic grant around March. We are looking into grants from the fire marshall that are aimed at rural areas that were affected by the fires. We are hiring a grant writing to help with a safety staffing grant. This writer will let us know which position we can probably get and we don't have to pay the grant writer if we don't get the funding. The grant writer has been 100% successful.

2. COVID 19 Update

Roughly 85% of our staff are vaccinated. The people that refused the vaccinations signed a letter that they cannot hold the fire station at fault. We cannot require people to get vaccinated. We have heard the Johnson and Johnson vaccination is not as effective. We used the CARES grant funding to buy three zoll heart monitors.

3. Projects

We will refurbish the brush rig soon.

We had a modular building donated by the school board. They said they would pay to move it. We are going to put it on the training ground. We are prepping the training ground for this building.

New Business:

1. Staffing Grant

It has been helpful to have a 4th person because of the CARES grant. We are hiring a grant writer to help get more funding.

2. Appoint Budget Member

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One of the members can no longer serve on the committee. We have an application from Amy Stephens. Kevin motioned to approve, and it was seconded by Quentin. It was approved 5-0. Chief let the board know the lawyer approved the budget and it will be out this month.

3. Salary Resolution

The salary resolution is based on the CPI-U, 1.7% annual cost of living. The resolution was read and signed. President Woodworth asked for a motion for approval; Eric motioned to approve, and it was seconded by Quentin. It was approved 5-0.

Items Not on Agenda:

President Woodworth was on a zoom call with the sheriff and the school board. The sheriff has been calling lots of residents about the interest in the resident deputy position. However; it is still not on the ballot yet.

Future Meeting Agenda Items:

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Next meeting is on March 10th, 2021

Adjourn: Adjourned at 7:50 pm.

President Woodworth asked for a motion for approval; Elmer motioned to approve, and it was seconded by Quentin. It was approved 5-0.

Public comment is invited. Portions of this meeting may be held in executive session as per **ORS 192.660**.

The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 24 hours before the meeting to **Chief Steven Wallace at 541-933-2907.**

Agenda Posted: Marcola Community Market, Mohawk Valley Fire District #1, Mohawk General Store, Website.

Submitted by Brenda Williams