

WEST POINT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 3, 2021
MINUTES

6:00 P.M. via Zoom call in

Chairman Stephen Schoenthaler called the meeting to order. Directors Schoenthaler, John Hesketh and Julia Marsili were present. Directors Greg Pryor and Bryce Randall were absent. Also present were Chief Bill Fullerton, Asst. Chief Terry Miller, CERT Reps Sam and Kathy Hernandez, Assoc. Liaison Tim Adams, Community member Ken Bender, Firefighter Justin Colman and Clerk Jill Jenkins.

THE MINUTES from prior meetings held on 12/2/20, 1/6/21 and 1/15/21 were reviewed. Steve made the motion to adopt all minutes as written. Julia seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with 3 votes.

CORRESPONDENCE for the month was reviewed. The Bank of Stockton account statement reflected an ending balance of \$16,975.56. There was no action taken.

BOARD MATTERS- Chief Fullerton expressed the need to surplus Units 316, 312 and CERT 319. He said the proceeds will be used to build the new Engine 316. Steve made the motion to surplus all three units as presented by Chief Fullerton. John seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 votes.

THE CERT REPORT was presented in written format by Sam and Kathy Hernandez and is attached to these minutes.

THE ASSOCIATIONS REPORT was presented by Tim Adams. He reported in January they received \$1263.09 in revenue and paid expenses of \$592.38. Their current bank balance is \$18,681.86.

THE CHAPLAIN'S REPORT- none.

THE WEBSITE REPORT was given by Sam Hernandez who stated he is in the process of posting new photos to the website.

THE MONTHLY PAYABLES were presented in 3 transmittals: \$8844.31 for the regular payables, \$1014.04 for the 12/28/20 Cal Card statement and \$3288.73 for the 1/25/21 Cal Card statement. John made the motion to pay all of the payables as presented. Julia seconded the motion. The bills were paid with 3 votes. Jill presented income of \$248,703.50 which were Cal Fire payments for 4 fires and a reimbursement of \$277.50 from the Association. She was instructed to deposit \$248,703.50 to the county fund.

NEW BUSINESS- none.

OLD BUSINESS- Julia asked all Directors to provide feedback to her on the Special Tax Measure information she had prepared and emailed. These included the Frequently Asked Questions and an information sheet titled Your Vote Matters.

PUBLIC COMMENTS- Ken Bender reminded the Directors that at least 400 people had signed a petition requesting the Fire Siren be reactivated. He expressed disappointment that he has not received an update on the request. Asst. Chief Miller said he'd check to see if the existing one works and if not a new siren will need to be purchased. Ken said he'd like to have a new siren placed at the Wilseyville station and he'd gather donations to purchase it. Ken then informed that the escape route has been completed at the upper end of Barney Way to Bald Mountain Rd. He said he gave the gate combination to Chief Fullerton and Michael

Mitchell. He also said he'd like to organize a safety meeting and give a tour of the escape route. Bill gave the procedural method of dispatch on a wild land fire versus the activation of a public siren. He stated issues of the siren being activated for debris burns and accidents. He also stated liability issues for the district to activate the public siren. He said the Sheriff's Department handles the evacuation of residents. Bill said the fire district could be inundated with inquiries when they need to be responding to the emergencies. He said it's a complicated matter and more needs to be considered. Ken said he has an understanding of all the issues now and suggested an Open House at the station to bring the public into the discussion. Steve reiterated the seriousness of this matter and asked Bill to get back to him with recommendations regarding all of the legal, practical and economic issues. Steve asked how many residents could benefit from the siren at the Wilseyville station. Ken said there are 130 folks in his Middle River neighborhood alone. Then the Wilseyville Township would increase that number substantially. Bill stated the discussion will not be buried, but is very complicated. It was decided to have a small group meeting to share concerns and logistics.

THE SPECIAL TAX MEASURE is officially on the ballot scheduled for May 4, 2021. Julia discussed the marketing plan and said she'd like to make posts to the local face book page and to local bulletin boards such, as the Post Office, in increments. Ken suggested that some people receiving government stimulus payments could donate them to the Fire District. Tim stated he'd present this proposal to the Association to get the word out. Discussion took place regarding a large community meeting mixed with a zoom meeting to keep within COVID protocols. Steve thought it is best to wait until April for this kind of hybrid meeting. Bill said we need to have a committee of business folks and community influencers formed right away to start the discussion and prepare for the community meeting in April. Julia agreed this would be the first priority along with yard signs placed in early April. She stated she'd send out an email outlining the next steps to take.

THE CHIEF'S REPORT- Bill reported there were 47 calls in January. He said three people have joined the department and are currently in the Firefighter Academy. Bill informed that he is still the interim Chief at Murphys Fire District until sometime in March. He feels things are moving smoothly here at West Point Fire District. He said the sale of the 3 engines will build the new Unit 316. Sam asked for DMV paperwork for new Unit 319. Terry said he'd take care of it.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill M. Jenkins, Clerk

Response:

MVA –

Jan 2 – CERT319, Vehicle vs Ped

Jan 3 – Single Car, Both CERT 319 and U319

Events:

Completed: Amateur Radio New license Elmer Class – Jan 23

Scheduled: Firefighter Academy SCBA Confidence course – Feb 6

Amateur Radio New license Elmer Class – Feb 27

Amateur Radio Study Group & Exam – Mar 20

All other events are on Postponed due to Covid-19.

Personnel:

5 Active Members; (2 EMR)

We're currently looking for volunteers. 20 hours of training to be held locally.

Training:

Completed: CPR re-Cert, 1/27

Scheduled: CERT Search and Rescue (Unit 7), 2/17, Skills 2/20

Equipment:

Received Windshield Snow Covers

Received Trailer for CERT, old County CERT trailer

Ordered additional BP Cuffs and Oximeters

CERT Meetings:

Training – Feb 17; @ 1800

Skills Training –Feb 20; @ 0900

Training – Mar 17; @ 1800

Business Meeting – Apr 21; @ 1800