

Sheridan Fire District
Board Meeting
2/13/2024

Present: Cory Chrisman, Gary Giddings, Pete Gutbrod, Tammy Heidt, Ray Bottenberg
Others: Chief Les Thomas, Marguerite Alexander, Daniel Cummins

Tammy Heidt called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Ray made a motion to approve the minutes from the 1/9/24 meeting. The motion was seconded by Cory. The motion carried.

Financial Report:

- Check to make sure OK Towing was not paid twice.
- Find a way to show Treasury 310 (State) deposits to reconcile with accounts.
- Cory moved to approve the financials for January 2024, with the exception of looking into the voided check to OK Towing. Gary seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No audience participation. (No one online.)

Brush Truck Update: The toolbox has been mounted and we are working on extending the bed.

Captain Applications: We had 10; one dropped out leaving nine. The deadline is Friday. A date for testing has been set. The fourth Civil Service member will assist with grading. (Written and interview portion.) Although it would be beneficial to keep our current staffing levels – we have four positions to fill—we will fill one.) Aeden tested #1 for Albany. It takes a couple of months to complete the process.

We met with Kathie our bookkeeper. It was very informational. Several categories exceed our 50% target at the end of the second quarter. Some were minor, others significant. We can move monies within the general fund but anything 10% over must be talked about and handled correctly. Our unencumbered monies are our carryover which has not been confirmed by the auditor. Chief will start building the budget in March. The goal is to cut more in next year's budget. Older equipment and apparatus are causing additional maintenance costs. We'll check with Kathie later in the fiscal year. We are doing well with revenue from transports.

Chief's Report: January was a busy month. We had 156 EMS runs with 55 fire calls. There were 98 transports. (Actually 102. ESO and CAD still don't reconcile.) Chute times – How long it takes to get out the door. (See Chief's Report). The goal is to get everyone below the 1:30 mark. Glenn is doing soft maintenance regularly. We've had the Tribe reach out to every shift about training. They are not willing to come over here until after the levy. (Perception by the public). Captain Payne made a service plan for the generator.

Public Outreach.

Chief Thomas attended the Fire Chief's Round Table in Eugene and the SDAO Conference. There has been a request for him to get involved on the OFCA Board of Directors. There is a need to reach out to legislators and tell them "This is what we are dealing with." Chief will ask the county for support with education. He would like to send residential EMTs to Intermediate class. (\$3,200 to \$5,500.) A couple of fire districts are in discussion about merging. Carlton/Lafayette and Yamhill have budgets of \$1 million and provide no ambulance service. That is just \$100,000 less than us. The Union is working well with us. Citizens see us as doing our part. We need to be proactive not reactive. We still have not received an annual payment from Sheridan FCI. There is no

