

Sheridan Fire District
Board of Directors
12/12/2023

Attendance: Ray Bottenberg, Gary Giddings, Pete Gutbrod, Tammy Heidt

Absent: Cory Chrisman (excused)

Others: Fire Chief Les Thomas, Division Chief Phill Riggs, Marguerite Alexander, Jay Payne

Tammy Heidt called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Ray moved to accept the minutes from the Nov. 14 regular board meeting, and Gary seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Financials: Chief is trying to get a 6-month average on EMS.

Conflagration reimbursements have been approved. We are waiting for the payment.

Tammy and Gary would like a workshop with Kathie so they can meet her.

Professional fees are over budget. Kathie is working to change codes on some expenditures. We have had additional expenses due to unexcepted issues with personnel.

Ray made the motion to approve the financials. Pete seconded it. The motion carried.

No public participation. No one online.

Old Business:

1. Brush Truck remount. We are working on two separate quotes. We have trimmed the costs down. One bid is local. One from Aumsville. The Board will probably vote on it next month.
2. A Civil Service Commission meeting is on Jan. 4. Jerry Smith is willing to serve on the commission. We will be reaching out to Cody Heidt to be the examiner. The Civil Service Commission hasn't met in 6 months. There are no plans to change rules and regulations.
3. Chief's Report.
 - Training: There has been a lot of training. We utilized a prop from DPSST. First 5-minutes of the fire. Tobias Watson graduated from the academy. The Tribe will be helping with EMT training next year.
 - Parking lot repairs. We will be working on the parking lot a little at a time.
 - Personnel: We lost FF/Paramedic McDowell to Albany. Two paramedics will be going to Albany in January. We lost a Captain. Apps close on Jan. 4 for the open positions. One position is for a captain. People within the organization can test for experience.
 - We had someone from OHA here today to discuss issues with a residential facility. The state interfaces with EMS agencies and supports dialogue with the facility. Should issues continue (complaint driven), the state can fine the facility. We can charge everyone. (Fee for service.)

- Donna and Phill moving back to the line in January. Chief is considering parking his RV at St. 97 to respond from there a night or two a week to help fill vacancies.
4. Community Outreach Report (See attached.)
 5. Volunteer Report (See attached.)
 6. Completed OHA Audit. It was scheduled for 4 hours but it only took 1.5 hours. Everyone helped.
 7. The Yamhill County ASA is moving forward. Did MOUs. The state would like to review it. (This will be the first state review in 5 years.) It will take 6 to 8 weeks for the state to review. The goal is to have it by the March meeting.
 8. Polk County ASA – Read the Polk I-O. The agreement is still being hashed out between the two entities. The compromise doesn't sound positive to either of the two. It may take another 6 months before the details are worked out.
 9. Staffing: We are looking at BLS capability with ALS available (St. 97) -- a hybrid. We could put a single paramedic or advanced EMT at Buell during the day. We are also looking for an MOU with the state that would allow us to teach an advanced class. We are conducting exit interviews for those leaving. (Phill and Chief. Captain Payne – President of the Union.) We are asking, "What are you hearing? What can we do better?" Tammy asked if we are going to back off of transfers? Response: We had one call, a MVC while Chief was gone, that was given to MCM and the Tribe. Tammy doesn't want it to become an issue.
 10. Homeless situation. Pete: Rumors are rampant.

New Business:

Covered.

Good of the Order:

1. Time needs to be on the agenda.
2. Gary missed the spirit of the Christmas parade. (Not much for lights.) He thinks we can do better next year.
3. Briget Meneley's 2-year-old granddaughter has stage 4 cancer. Tammy will let us know about any upcoming fundraisers.

Ray made the motion to adjourn. Gary seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.