

**GRAND VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING – AUGUST 17, 2011**

Attendance: Fire District Board of Directors
Lynn Shore (5/2012, 2nd term) Keith Lammey (5/2012, 1st term)
Bill Nelson (5/2014, 1st term) Ted Anderson (5/2014, 1st term)
Kevin Whelan (5/2012, appointed)
Absent: David Blair, Fire Chief
Staff: Robert Ferguson, Deputy Fire Chief Kim Reeves, Admin. Specialist
Public: Michelle Foster

President Shore called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Kevin Whelan was sworn into office by Lynn Shore.

MINUTES

Minutes from the July 20, 2011 Regular Board Meeting were presented and reviewed. Some spelling and grammatical errors need to be corrected. Lammey moved to approve the minutes with corrections. Seconded by Anderson. All approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial reports for July, 2011 were reviewed and discussed. Anderson moved to approve the July, 2011 financials subject to audit and/or clarification of the General Property Tax account being over budget. Seconded by Nelson. All approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

➤ **Synopsis of the Pension Board meeting, August 09, 2011**

The Pension Board met on Tuesday evening at 1800. Doug Ayers was sworn in as new Volunteer member. Past minutes and financials were approved. The FPPA Actuarial Valuation study was reviewed and discussed. It was decided by the Trustees to approve the COLA increase of 3.5% for the previous two year period, otherwise known as plan A. This will increase the normal 20 year pension from \$763.20 to \$775.41 per month. Vested retirees will receive a pro-rated increase from \$38.16 to \$38.77 per year for 10 – 19 years of service. The revised GVFPD Volunteer Firefighter Pension Fund Rules and Bylaws were reviewed and discussed. Whelan would like to place on the next meeting's agenda discussion about compensating the volunteers that serve on the Pension Board. The revised Rules and Bylaws were approved and Chief Blair will notify all retirees and current members. Donald Favier put in for his 10 vesting retirement, effective October 1st, 2011. Chief Blair stated that FF Favier has met all the requirements for vesting, other than time and recommended to the Board that his retirement be approved as of October 1, 2011. The Board approved his retirement application, effective October 1, 2011. There was no other business conducted and the meeting adjourned.

➤ **Strategic Planning update**

Chief Blair has finalized arrangements with Jody Andrews and Michelle Smith to come and facilitate a Strategic Planning Session on Saturday, August 27, 2011. It will be an all day session. It is hoped that from this session, the District will be able to set some long term and short term goals for the District and set a course for future growth and development. All board members will be attending. Michelle Foster will be attending.

➤ **Other**

- **Electric sign**

Chief Blair filed an application with the Battlement Mesa Service Association, Architectural Review Committee for the installation of the proposed LED sign. The committee met and approved the application on August 4th. Bud's Signs has been contacted to move forward with the project. They anticipate coming to Station #1 the week of August 15-19 for a job walk-through. The District has been invoiced and has paid for a deposit on the project in order to get the sign ordered.

- **Budget preparation**

Chief Blair will start working on the 2012 budget starting September 1st. It is hoped that the Counties Initial Assessment of Valuation calculations will be provided to the District by meeting date.

STAFF REPORT

- **Adoption of 2009 International Fire Code**

Deputy Chief Ferguson presented an overview of the 2009 International Fire Code that was adopted by the County. It is now up to each Fire District to adopt the code in order for it to become effective and enforceable in each of the fire districts. The new codes were discussed in depth. It was decided that the board be given time to read over the code, and decide on adoption of the code at the next board meeting.

- **District participation in recent events**

Deputy Chief Ferguson discussed some of the events that the District has participated in during the past month, as well as what the Operations Staff has been doing.

OTHER BUSINESS

Kim Reeves discussed the option of switching collection companies from Advantage Network to A-1 Collections. The benefits, costs and savings of this switch were discussed. Whalen moved to approve the change. Seconded by Nelson. All approved.

The board discussed pay off of the Station on October 1, 2011. Anderson moved to approve the payoff. Seconded by Nelson. All approved.

ADJOURN

There being no further business or discussions the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Kim Reeves, Administrative Assistant

Lynn Shore, Board President

Bill Nelson, Board Secretary/Treasurer