

**Sublimity Fire District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 10, 2007**

Meeting called to order: by Gary Rychard at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Rick Kauffman, Gary Rychard, Ralph Fisher, Kyle Amsberry, Jeff Kropf

Staff present: Chief Tim Frost, Office Administrator Amy Manning

Others present: Gene Ditter, Brandon Hamilton, Tim Heater

Additions/Deletions to Agenda: Chief Frost added CAD and EMD update to Old Business.

Citizen Comments: None

Firefighters Association Input: Gene Ditter said that the association was starting to work on its upcoming projects/events for this year. He noted that the association would be getting rid of its parade vehicle and that Jerry Heater was in charge of that.

Gary Rychard congratulated Gene on becoming Sublimity's new major. He also said that the Harvest Festival Committee really enjoyed helping out with the Turkey Shoot.

Reading of Minutes:

MOTION: Kyle Amsberry moved to approve the minutes for November 8, 2006. Rick Kauffman seconded. Motion passed; a voice vote was unanimous.

Communications:

There were several articles featuring Sublimity's themed tree, which won first prize.

Our Town Monthly: There was an article featuring Stayton/Sublimity fire districts and focused on volunteerism.

Fifth Graders: Ms. Hinderks' fifth grade class from Stayton Middle School raised money and purchased teddy bears to be given to children on fire calls.

Food Bank: The district donated over 100 pounds of food to the food bank.

Booster Auction: The district received a thank you for its donation to the Stayton High School Booster Auction (a birthday party at the fire station).

Compilation of Election Results: The chief distributed a compilation of results from elections around the state.

SAFER Act Grant: The district was turned down for this grant.

The News-Review article: This article discussed charging fees to heavy abusers of the ambulance/fire system in that area (Roseburg).

Payment of Bills: Chief Frost and Amy Manning reviewed expenditures for November and December for the board.

MOTION: Ralph Fisher moved to pay the bills for November and December. Kyle Amsberry seconded. Motion passed; a voice vote was unanimous.

Chief's Report: Chief Frost reviewed 2006 alarm totals.

Old Business:

CAD propagation: The CAD system is supposed to be online January 24. However, the director is ill and there are other holdups, so the system won't be online for awhile. The CAD system is designed as a closest-unit type of dispatch. Chief Frost noted that

the initial response for the district on any type of structure fire has changed. He also would like to go strictly to EMD cards. This will drop the call volume for the district because we won't be responding on some of the BLS calls.

-Gary Rychard updated the board on some of the dispatch center changes.

-T. Heater wanted to make sure that any changes in medical calls would only relate to calls at Marian Retirement Estates.

Chief Frost and Gene Ditter said that the changes would just be in effect to the city limits at this time.

New Business:

Budget: Chief Frost explained that the total real market of value of the district went up \$65 million, while the assessed value went up \$15 million. The district will collect approximately \$28,000 more in taxes.

Driving Policy: Chief Frost distributed a draft of a driving policy and asked board members to take it home and review it. It uses the IAFC model policy with a few changes. Safety is the highest priority. The policy spells out which calls are emergent and which are non-emergent. Gary Rychard liked the policy and thought it would be a good idea to have the insurance company look at it.

-Jeff Kropf voiced some concerns over coming to a full stop at intersections and whether that was really necessary.

-Gary suggested an addendum on the use of opticons.

-Rick asked what would happen if someone violated the policy.

-Chief Frost explained that there were disciplinary measures in place.

There was discussion regarding progressive discipline.

-Jeff was worried that changes in policies driven by lawsuits would push the fire service to the point of inefficiency.

New Vehicle: Chief Frost laid out his hopes for a new vehicle to be placed at Station 52. It would be a four-door vehicle like the rescue but with water tanks. He presented the board with FlexLease figures and asked the board for permission to explore the idea.

-Gary Rychard asked about the life of the duty pickup.

-Chief Frost said that it will be ready to be replaced soon, but that the district will drive it as long as possible.

-Jeff Kropf said that he would rather put money into a new generator and a rig for Station 52 and keep the duty pickup on life support.

The board agreed that the district should move forward in looking at getting a new vehicle.

-Gene Ditter mentioned that all electrical bugs were now gone from the duty pickup.

Good of the Order: Ralph Fisher mentioned that three of the board members were up for election this year.

MOTION: Jeff Kropf moved to change February's meeting from the 14th to the 21st. Rick Kauffman seconded. Motion passed; a voice vote was unanimous.

Adjourn:

MOTION: Jeff Kropf moved to adjourn the meeting. Rick Kauffman seconded. Motion passed; a voice vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.