

**Sublimity Fire District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 14, 2009**

Meeting called to order: by Ralph Fisher at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Rick Kauffman, Gary Rychard, Ralph Fisher, Jeff Kropf, Jim Heater

Staff present: Chief Brandon Hamilton, Amy Doran

Others present: None

Additions/Deletions to Agenda: Chief Hamilton added a cost recovery discussion to New Business.

Citizen Comments: None

Firefighters Association Input: None

Reading of Minutes:

MOTION: Gary Rychard moved to approve the minutes for December 17, 2008. Rick Kauffman seconded. Motion passed; a voice vote was unanimous.

Communications: SDAO longevity credit and annual invoice

Payment of Bills: The board reviewed bills and payments for the month of December.

MOTION: Jeff Kropf moved to pay the bills for December as presented. Rick Kauffman seconded. Motion passed; a voice vote was unanimous.

Chief's Report:

Alarms: Chief Hamilton reviewed alarms for the board for all of 2008. Alarm totals were down from 2007.

Old Business: Chief Hamilton discussed the upcoming annual awards banquet. The theme is black and white, and the banquet will be held at Maurice's Bistro.

New Business:

07-08 Audit: The board reviewed the audit report. There was an issue with capitol outlay being over expended. It has to do with the receipt of the Flex Lease for the new Brush/Rescue vehicle. It was an unexpected receipt of funds, so the expenditure of the funds wasn't included in the budget. Chief Frost spoke with the auditor, who said a supplemental budget was unnecessary, but that appears to have been incorrect information.

MOTION: Gary Rychard moved to accept the 07-08 Audit as presented. Jeff Kropf seconded. Motion passed; a voice vote was unanimous.

Cost Recovery: Chief Hamilton explained that the board passed a resolution in 1998 allowing for the recovery of costs incurred at certain incidents. Included in these incidents was fires caused illegally. Chief Hamilton noted that the Victor Point fire was technically caused by an "illegal burn." His tentative calculations put cost recovery at around \$4,000 for the incident. He asked if the board was interested in pursuing this recovery. The board was not interested in pursuing any sort of cost recovery on that particular incident. Gary Rychard mentioned that the intent in putting together the resolution was for non-district residents.

Budget: Chief Hamilton explained that Jim Crowther and Matt Rausch's terms on the budget committee were going to be up soon. Jim is interested in continuing to serve, while Matt is not. Michael Bochsler and Jeff Gries both expressed interest in the open position. The board thought that both were great candidates.

MOTION: Gary Rychard moved to appoint Jim Crowther and Michael Bochsler to the budget committee. Jeff Kropf seconded. Motion passed; a voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION: Jeff Kropf moved to appoint Brandon Hamilton as budget officer. Jim Heater seconded. Motion passed; a voice vote was unanimous.

Good of the Order:

The board reviewed the calendar of events for 2009. There was brief discussion regarding elections.

Adjourn:

MOTION: Jeff Kropf moved to adjourn the meeting. Rick Kauffman seconded. Motion passed; unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Amy Doran

Approved by Ralph Fisher