

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

Meeting called to order: by Jeff Kropf at 7:00 p.m.

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

Staff present: Chief Tim Frost, Amy Manning

Others present: Gene Ditter, Tim Heater

Additions/Deletions to Agenda: None

Citizen Comments: None

Firefighters Association Input: Gene Ditter said that things were starting to get busy for the association, with the Halloween Open House, Turkey Shoot, and Christmas Tree Lighting topping the list of things to do. The association can't use the city tree this year and is currently exploring other options for a tree. It will probably go with a cut tree this year, placed in the corner of the F.D. parking lot.

Reading of Minutes:

MOTION: Jim Heater moved to approve the minutes for September 12, 2007. Ralph Fisher seconded. Motion passed; a voice vote was unanimous.

Communications: None

Payment of Bills: There was discussion about the Estacada accounting incident. Amy and Chief Frost reviewed expenditures for the board.

MOTION: Gary Rychard moved to pay the bills for September. Rick Kauffman seconded. Motion passed; a voice vote was unanimous.

Chief's Report:

Alarms: Chief Frost reviewed alarms for the board. At this rate, the department should finish the year at about 420 calls.

- Jeff Kropf asked for an update on the 9-1-1 Center and the CAD system.
- Chief Frost has been told that the CAD system will go into effect on January 1.
- Gene Ditter noted that one of the issues with the CAD system is that the vendor was bought out by another company.
- Gary mentioned that the warranty is up on the CAD system equipment, which is not even on line yet.

Old Business:

Flex Lease Resolution: Resolution 07-002 authorizes the district to go ahead with a Flex Lease to purchase a new brush rig. The lease listed the max amount the district can borrow, even though we will not be borrowing that much. The district should have the money within two weeks.

MOTION: Ralph Fisher moved to approve Resolution 07-002. Rick Kauffman seconded. Motion passed; a voice vote was unanimous.

- Jim Heater asked if there were specs on the complete vehicle yet.
- Chief Frost said that was in process.

- Jim asked if the chief was comfortable everything would come in under the max price.
- Chief Frost was comfortable that it would.

New Business:

Ordinance: Chief Frost explained that there were conflicts with having volunteers participating as board members.

-Gary Rychard explained that the board was told years ago that there was a resolution prohibiting volunteers from becoming board members. It turns out that an ordinance is required for that. Gary said that it puts individuals (who are also volunteers) on the board in a precarious situation. They aren't allowed to vote on budget and other items. He felt that it limited the effectiveness of those members on the board. An ordinance would be for the health of the department and operations of the board/district.

-Jeff Kropf mentioned that the board member must declare a potential conflict of interest.

-Gary noted that if the ordinance did come to a vote, Jim wouldn't even be able to vote on it because it would be a conflict.

-Jeff determined that, if the ordinance were to pass, it would affect Jim at the next election.

There was discussion regarding the process of passing an ordinance.

-Rick Kauffman wondered what other topics would be a conflict for Jim besides budget. The board agreed it would like to see the impact/number of possible conflicts. If there are minimal conflicts, there is no need to pass an ordinance.

-Gary wanted more finite details and would like to have Ken Jones come to a meeting to discuss the issue.

-Ralph stressed that the issue wasn't about Jim. He has personal concerns regarding the conflict of interest (e.g. What if his 16 year-old son wants to join the department?). There was discussion and interpretation regarding Senate Bill 10.

Good of the Order:

None

Adjourn:

MOTION: Gary Rychard moved to adjourn the meeting. Ralph Fisher seconded. Motion passed; unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Amy Manning

Approved by Jeff Kropf