

**FIRE PROTECTION AREA NO.1 BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
September 20, 2016 6:00 p.m.  
BAYSIDE FIRE HALL**

**1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLIEGENCE**

CHAIR ARNDT called the regular meeting to order at 6:05 PM

**2. ROLL CALL**

Board Members present were Chair Scott Arndt, Richard Carstens, Rebecca Nelson, Paul Van Dyke and Jeff Halcomb. Also present were Chief Howard Rue, Dave Conrad and Secretary Jessica Basuel.

**3. ACCEPTANCE/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

VAN DYKE MOVED to approve the agenda.

CARSTENS MOVED to amend the agenda adding **d. Window Replacement to the agenda.**

VAN DYKE MOVED to amend the agenda adding **e. Volunteer Pay Schedule to the agenda.**

VOICE VOTE ON AMENDED MOTIONS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VOICE VOTE ON AGENDA AS AMENDED CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

HALCOMB MOVED to approve the regular meeting of August 16, 2016.

VOICE VOTE ON MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**5. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT**

HALCOMB MOVED to approve and acknowledge the Financial Report.

VOICE VOTE ON MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**6. VISITOR COMMENTS**

Judy Carstens thanked those responsible for fixing the lighting at Bayside apartment in a fast manner. She mentioned there were 3 candidates running for the FPA#1 board in the upcoming election and was concerned about one individual running. There's been a lot of conversation in the community in regards to Bayside Fire Department and the FPA#1 Board and asked the board about public announcements and getting issues straightened out before the election.

**7. CHIEF REPORT**

Chief Rue reported Squad 10 was sold for \$140,000. There was no shipping or cost involved. He thanked everyone who helped prepare and clean vehicle prior to sale. He reported on fire calls

and thanked volunteers involved. He presented a safety report which included no personal vehicles to calls unless all apparatus was gone and personal protection equipment will be worn with no exceptions. Accountability tags would be given to Engineer then command with no exceptions. He specified that safety was number one for Bayside Fire Department. He reported he was working on the following four grants: Air packs, Plymovent for exhaust from apparatus, thermal imaging cameras and bunker gear. He stated he would make sure there was enough money in the budget to cover a new tender and an engine. Engine would be first priority. He reported on the number of calls for the month of August as well as for the year.

## **8. CHAIR PERSONS REPORT**

Chair Arndt and Dave Conrad previously discussed the window installation for the apartment. Further discussion would be at the next meeting.

## **9. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a) Garage Door Repairs & Replacement**

Chair Arndt mentioned there was a garage door failure and would look at getting all garage doors looked at.

Dave Conrad reported quotes were received from Pioneer Door for \$11,275 and Friend Contractor LLC for \$8,250 for a replacement door. He also reported discussions with the Borough manager and E/F Director on a maintenance contract for all Borough buildings. Each facility would pay for their doors serviced by a contractor. Two quotes would be needed for the new maintenance contract. Board discussion ensued.

HALCOMB MOVED to approve the amount of \$8,250 with Friend Contractor LLC for replacement of the door.

Board discussion ensued.

VAN DYKE MOVED TO AMEND the main motion not to exceed \$10,000.

Board discussion ensued.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE AMENDED MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED 5-0.

### **b) Discussion of Engine and Tanker**

Chair Arndt reported on the funding of the Engine and Tanker. Board discussion ensued.

### **c) Update on Turnout Gear**

Chief Rue updated the Board on the purchase of 15 sets of Turnout Gear. The volunteer would be fitted and quotes were being obtained.

**d) Window Replacement**

Board discussion ensued. Chair Arndt announced that direction was given to E/F staff Dave Conrad to proceed with getting quotes for window replacement for the Bayside Fire apartment. Dave Conrad asked for a written request from the Board as to what materials, trims etc. would be needed.

**e) Volunteer Pay Schedule**

Chair Arndt mentioned this agenda item was requested by board member Van Dyke. Van Dyke discussed volunteer stipends with Chief Rue and felt the issue should be added to the list of priorities. Chief Rue felt the volunteers were being paid unfairly. The pay system does not promote incentive for volunteers to do better. He felt it wasn't fair that an entry level fireman and a deputy or assistant chief were being paid the same. He felt using a pay scale was good and there should be steps. A pay rate for entry firemen should be minimum wage and then as they increase in level and so would their pay. Treating volunteers fairly and paying them well would bring more interested volunteers. Board discussion ensued.

**10. VISITOR COMMENTS**

Mike Dolph appreciated the board for what they were doing in moving forward with repairing doors and windows. He encouraged the board to step back and get a global picture of the campus and the training sight. He asked the board to take a look at the leak problem to the training site and make some preliminary plans. We need a temporary patch over that leak or we'll lose it. He felt the building was a big investment.

Jason Waggoner shared his concerns about the upcoming election. He was in favor of having turnout gear spares and feels they are lifesaving equipment. He also spoke on pay issue and agreed with increase pay scale.

**11. BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS**

P. Van Dyke – Congratulated the crew for moving on squad 10 so quickly. He also congratulated the newly initiated firefighters. Appreciated all of the volunteers and thanked them for their services. He reiterated that safety be number one priority. He encouraged volunteers to take personal responsibility for their own safety at the scene. He thanked Mike Dolph for hammering home the point about maintenance on the buildings so they are not over looked. He announced there were two candidates present in the room who were on the ballot for the FPA1 Board. He encouraged people to talk to them and for everyone to get out and vote.

R. Nelson – She mentioned there have been a lot of one sided conversations in social media because it was a legal matter. We cannot tell the other side of the story which was frustrating. Facebook pages were full of untruthful statements. She read a letter of recognition from KANA

about Chief Rue. She felt this would balance out all the negativity on social media. She congratulated Chief Rue for a job well done.

R. Carstens – Commented on social media. He believed some issues can be addressed but not directly towards individuals. The other side of the story can be given as well without using any names. Hoped voters would take appropriate actions on the October 4<sup>th</sup> election. He commended Chief Rue and was proud to be part of the Board.

J. Halcomb – He was concerned about the minimal number of people that usually do go out and vote. He urged everyone to encourage more people to vote. He mentioned looking forward to the future and the physical responsibility as a public official. He cared about the safety of the people in the community. His biggest concern was injuries and hoped to prevent them in the future.

Chair Arndt – Chair Arndt echoed all the board members except regarding social media. He thought board members should not comment on social media but volunteers could.

## 12. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULE

Next Regular Meeting was to be announced.

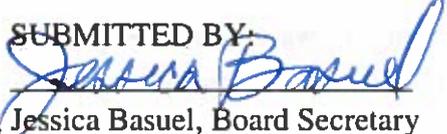
## 13. ADJOURNMENT

CHAIR ARNDT moved to adjourn the meeting.

VOICE VOTE ON MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

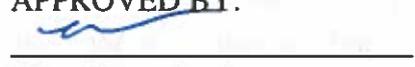
The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.

SUBMITTED BY:

  
Jessica Basuel, Board Secretary  
KIB Engineering/Facilities Department

Date: 10/27/2016

APPROVED BY:

  
~~Chair Scott Arndt~~

Date: 10/26/16

CHAIR PAUL VANDYKIE