

**POLK COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO.1**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**March 15, 2018**  
**6:00pm – Central Station**

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

President Tom Snair  
Vice President Mike Lippsmeyer  
Secretary Joe Franko  
Director Dennis King  
Director Freeman Stutzman

**STAFF:**

Fire Chief Ben Stange  
Office Administrator Susan Shepard  
Office Assistant Mary Carlson  
Absent: DC Neal Olson  
DC Mike Mayfield

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

President Snair called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Note:** Minutes will be recorded and kept for 60 months.

**AUDIENCE REQUESTING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:**

Please sign Request List to address the Board.

**Eliot Dickinson** addressed the Board regarding the Burn-to-Learn on Broad Street, January 27, 2018. Mr. Dickinson informed the Board of the damage to his property and stated the insurance company did contacted him, a month after the burn. He stated five to six of his new triple pane windows were melted and was not sure if they will cloud up between the panes, a new special paint on the exterior of his home with rubber coating melted-some just curled up, his green house was damaged, several organic raised garden beds destroyed from contaminated and toxic ash that may have landed on them, 10 well established trees along the property line scorched badly-some he's not sure will survive, and his house was filled with smoke. Mr. Dickinson commented on his front and back yards being trampled and destroyed from the firefighters walking through them. He was also concerned about whether the home that was burned had been tested for lead paint and asbestos, and if so he would like to know what the results. Mr. Dickinson shared an article published in the Oregonian on February 2, 2018 about the City of Portland adopting rules for containing lead and asbestos in home demolitions, copies of this article were given to the Board. Mr. Dickinson ended his report of concerns about the burn and informed the Board that his family will not be utilizing their outdoor gardens for fear of asbestos dust and particles that landed in their yard.

**President Snair** - Thanked Mr. Dickinson for the information and stated that the Board takes this very seriously and will be following up on the process of correcting the damage.

**OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:**

None at this time.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A) Approval of Disbursements for February 1-28, 2018.
- B) Finance report for the month of February 2018.
- C) Approve February 8, 2018 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.
- D) Approve February 21, 2018 Board Workshop Minutes.

**President Snair** – Asked how the Board would like to take the Agenda.

**Secretary Franko** – Motioned to take the Agenda as a whole.

**Vice President Lippsmeyer** – Second.

**President Snair** – All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a) **2019-2023 Levy – Chief Stange** stated that the Levy is in process and now has a ballot number of #27-128.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) **Modular Building Project – Chief Stange** stated that he has three bids regarding dividing two dorms rooms upstairs. He stated they range from \$7,200 - \$11,000. He will be going with the lowest bid.

**Director King** – Asked who the contractor is.

**Chief Stange** – Stated ‘A Hammer Above Construction’ which is a local contractor. Chief Stange stated he met with the city regarding drainage for the modular project and that plans are going to have to be drawn up by an engineer. He is waiting a third engineering bid. The bids will be in before the April Board Meeting and he plans on hiring one of the firms before the meeting. He expects it to cost around \$10,000.

#### **CHIEF’S REPORT:**

- a) **Apparatus Update – Chief Stange** stated we have all three ambulances in service now.
- b) **Chamber Awards – Chief Stange** stated that Chief Olson and he were given awards at the Chamber Banquet; Chief Olson - First Citizen and Chief Stange - Distinguished Service Award.
- c) **Fire District Banquet – Chief Stange** stated the banquet was very nice, food was great and everyone had a good time. Chief Stange announced the award winners for 2017:

*Resident of the Year: Ryan Cox*

*Rookie of the Year: Adam Chinnock and Jose Chavez*

*Support Person of the Year: Ted Gibson*

*Chief’s Award: Bob McMillan and the Cornerstone Church of God*

*IAFF 4196 Award: Stephen Hoem*

*Instructor of the Year: Brenden Shellito and Jim Burke*

*Employee of the Year: Susan Shepard*

*Officer of the Year: Stephen Hoem*

*Medic of the Year: Alex Ovchinnikov*

*Firefighter of the Year: Matt Connery*

- d) **Notable Incidents – Chief Stange** stated for the month of February we had 170 calls, however February is a short month. Chief Stange reported we had three fires; a deck fire with no loss; a detached garage fire on Simpson Road; a fire at Elkay Cabinets.

#### **TOPICS FOLLOWING THE PREPARATION OF THE AGENDA:**

**President Snair** – Asked about addressing the Dickinson’s in regards to the damage to their home.

**Chief Stange** – Stated that with burn-to-learns the District follows NFPA guidelines. Chief Stange stated he is in touch with the insurance company and has asked that the damaged property be fixed back to where it was before the burn. He added that both insurance companies are communicating and Mr. Dickinson should be kept up-to-date through his insurance company.

**Director King** – Stated he would like to encourage some kind of a follow up with Mr. Dickinson.

Discussion by Board – consensus was to follow advice of insurance representative.

**Chief Stange** – Notified the Board that he, President Snair and Vice President Lippsmeyer met tonight prior to the meeting regarding negotiations. Chief Stange added this is just around the corner and wanted the Board to keep it on their radar.

**President Snair** – Asked what the costs is for re-chassis.

**Captain Rusher** – Stated between \$78,000 - \$80,000.

**President Snair** – Asked how it's going, do they like the ride, etc.

**Captain Rusher** – Answered that it's quiet, nice and they like it.

**President Snair** – Stated he has heard that all three ambulances are out on calls.

**Captain Rusher** – Stated it is nice to have all three of them in service.

**President Snair** – Stated he sees from the invoices that we had an expensive hot water tank.

**Chief Stange** – Stated the old system had to be replaced. We had considered downsizing, however after comparing the expense of new plumbing and adjustments that would have to be made getting a smaller tank installed it was best to stay with what we had and just replace it.

**President Snair** – Asked if the plumber we used was local.

**Chief Stange** – Answered yes they were.

**President Snair** – Stated that he and Chief Stange had talked about the Civil Service and the need for this Committee.

**Chief Stange** – He added the Committee does slow the process of hiring but protects us from favoritism.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None at this time.

#### **BOARD MEEMBER COMMENTS:**

**Director King** – Nothing at this time.

**Vice President Lippsmeyer** - Nothing at this time.

**Secretary Franko** – Nothing at this time.

**Director Stutzman** – Nothing at this time.

**President Snair** adjourned the meeting at 6:35pm.

Minutes by Mary Carlson.