

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

OF

PHILOMATH FIRE AND RESCUE

January 5, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Philomath Fire and Rescue Board meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Sweetin at 7:05pm. Board member present were Sweetin, Baca, Glasmann and Sleeman. Ries was absent. Staff members present were Phelps, Gilson, Irvin and Hubbell. Also present was Dave Wiger, PVFD President.

II. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Minutes – The minutes of December 1, 2008 were approved as written.

B. Approval of Bills – A motion was made by Glasmann, seconded by Sleeman to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$37,569.03. Motion carried.

C. Resolution #09-01 – Phelps stated this is an annual action since most of the property taxes budgeted are not received until after November. The resolution authorizes the transfer between General Funds to Reserve Funds. A motion was made by Glasmann, seconded by Baca to approve Resolution #09-01 Transferring General Funds to Reserve Funds. Motion carried.

D. LOSAP Program/Authorization for Trust to Trust Transfer – Special Districts (SDAO) will cease sponsorship of its LOSAP Program and will transfer the Program to the Oregon Fire District Directors' Association (OFDDA). Both SDAO and OFDDA feel the long term growth of the program and its resources will be better utilized through the direct daily contact OFDDA has with its fire district members. There will be no tax issues as this is a "trust to trust transfer". A motion was made by Sleeman, seconded by Baca to approve the transfer. Motion carried.

III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS – Tom Ries was nominated as Chair; Larry Sleeman, Vice-Chair and J. Reed Glasmann as Secretary/Treasurer. Approved as nominated.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT – Jeff Griffin, representative from Wilson-Heirgood Associates, reported there is a significant increase in the property, automobile and general liability rates for this coming year. There is a 16.9% above last year mainly due to the losses at Station 201 and Station 203. The agency record has been good over the years and we received the maximum rate for best practices. Rates should taper down over the next couple of years. Griffin will have next year's budget projections in a few months.

V. NEW BUSINESS – There was none.

VI. STAFF REPORTS

1. President – There was none.
2. Fire Chief – Phelps reported 233 is back and is being put through testing. A list is being made of continuing issues. Baca inquired if the problems were caused due to the original specifications. Phelps stated no, they are on the manufacturing end.

Phelps also reported the Mary's River Estates Property Owners Association and Mary's River Estates Road District are seeking clarification on the ownership of the Daisy Drive Water Site. Consensus is for the Chief to move forward with this.

The County has begun a series of discussions on the issue of unprotected property in the County. Discussions have been raised by a resident of the Greenberry area. The result of the discussions will probably result in the County dividing the property into three sections and annexations in the southeast corner of the District. This will affect Corvallis, Monroe and Philomath Fire Departments. The Board will have to approve any annexation. The County will be picking up most of the expense for this.

The department used the water vacuum to help with clean up the PYAC when a water pipe burst in the attic.

3. Sec/Treasurer – Irvin reported the auditor will attend the February meeting. The audit was handed out. As City Hall will not be available for the February meeting, the next Board meeting will be held at the Fire Station. Gilson reported that she is part-time now. The volunteer EMS program is growing. Gilson will be starting the 1st responder class in the next few weeks.

Baca inquired how often schools are inspected. Hubbell stated they are inspected on a yearly basis and re-inspected if anything is found.

VII. REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

Volunteers – Wiger stated there are now 34 volunteers and the annual award dinner will be held January 18th at the Scout Lodge.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Volunteer Incentive Program - Gilson stated that the volunteers are not in it for the money. A decision will need to be made prior to budget season. This item will be brought back next month.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS – There was none.

- X. ADJOURNMENT – A motion was made by Sleeman, seconded by Baca to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Tom Ries, President

ATTEST: _____

J. Reed Glasmann, Secretary