

SILVERTON FIRE DISTRICT

MINUTES

DRAFTED FOR APPROVAL, SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND OR CORRECTION

REGULAR BOARD MEETING 7:00 P.M. May 11, 2021
Silverton Station #1

I. ROLL CALL:

Les Von Flue, President	Robert Van Epps, Director
Stacy Palmer, Vice President	Dixon Bledsoe, Director
Robert Mengucci, Secretary-Treasurer	

ABSENT:

Robert Mengucci, Secretary-Treasurer

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Miles, Office Manager Cantu, Assistant Chief Grambusch (*via zoom*), Maintenance FF Peterson (*via zoom*), BC Terhaar (*via zoom*), Lt. Veit (*via zoom*), Lt. Redman-Brown, (*via zoom*), Lt. Baker, (*via zoom*), BC Pilmore, (*via zoom*)

II. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

President Von Flue called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF:

a) **Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

Director Bledsoe made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2021 board meeting as presented. Vice President Palmer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (*President Von Flue: Aye, Vice-President Palmer: Aye, Director: Bledsoe: Aye*)

V. OPEN FORUM:

Lt. Veit shared that the Silverton Firefighters Association voted and passed all changes made to the Volunteer Incentive Plan. Lt. Veit stated that volunteers were excited to return to the community and had begun scheduling Public Education Events.

Lt. Redman-Brown stated that the North Battalion did not have much to report due to the time of year.

Chief Miles expressed his appreciation for the condolences and support received by the District after his mother's passing.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

No old business was discussed at this meeting.

VII. FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT:

- a) Check Summary**
- b) Departmental Expense Report**
- c) Bank Account Balance Comparison**

Director Bledsoe made a motion to approve the finance officer's report as presented. Vice President Palmer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
(President Von Flue: Aye, Vice-President Palmer: Aye, Director Van Epps: Aye, Director: Bledsoe: Aye)

VIII. CHIEF'S REPORT

a) Staff Vacancy

Chief Miles reported that Lt. Heuchert accepted a position with the Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office but would remain as a volunteer with the Silverton Fire District. Chief Miles stated that he, along with AC Grambusch, interviewed five candidates and after careful review selected volunteer firefighter Lt. Keith Veit to fill the vacancy. The Board expressed their appreciation for the years of service provided by Lt. Heuchert to the District and congratulated Lt. Veit on his successful appointment.

b) Budget

Chief Miles reported that the budget was available to the public and was delivered to each of the budget committee members. Chief Miles reminded the Board of the Budget Committee Meeting next Tuesday, May 18th at 7:00pm via Zoom.

c) Training & Call Reports

AC Grambusch reviewed the training, drill, and call reports with the Board. AC Grambusch stated drill attendance had increased to 64% and call response was up 131%. AC Grambusch stated that volunteers have been available around the station throughout the day and have been absolutely stellar responding to the increased call volume during the day, evenings and weekends. Vice President Palmer inquired if the increase on medical calls was due to the District's decision to broaden which medical calls the District responded to. AC Grambusch responded that District guidelines had not changed and the increased volume was most likely due to common fluctuations.

d) Operational Guidelines

AC Grambusch stated he did not have anything new to report on operational guidelines but was in the process of working on them.

e) Right of Way Dedication

Chief Miles stated that he consulted with Director Bledsoe regarding the real estate value of a 10ft x 200ft strip of District property currently within the right of way of the Gateway Project. Chief Miles added that additional questions will be posed to the contractor regarding the retention basin also located within the proposed improvement.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Resolution 21-351 Accepting Revenue & Authorizing Expenditures & Transfers for 2020 Conflagrations

Director Van Epps made a motion to adopt Resolution 21-351 to accept revenue and authorizing expenditures and transfers for 2020 conflagrations. Director Bledsoe seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(President Von Flue: Aye, Vice-President Palmer: Aye, Director Van Epps: Aye, Director: Bledsoe: Aye)

X. ITEMS PENDING:

No items were pending at this meeting.

XI. GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Lt. Heuchert thanked the Board and Chief Miles for their guidance, leadership and support throughout his employment with the Silverton Fire District and looked forward to his new role with the OSFM office as well as his new role as a volunteer with the District.

President Von Flue stated that the Board needed to convene to discuss wages and benefits for staff and suggested a Board Work Session after the budget committee meeting on May 18th. After discussion, the Board agreed to meet after the budget meeting to review comparables provided by administration right after the budget committee meeting on May 18th. AC Grambusch stated that a union contract no longer existed between career staff and IAFF Local 1159 and expressed the importance of trust between the Board and staff to honor the Boards commitment to bring salaries and benefits comparable to other fire districts of similar size.

Director Van Epps expressed his sincere appreciation of the firefighters at the Scotts Mills station who took care of him during his medical emergency and commended them for doing their duty in a professional and efficient manner. BC Terhaar accepted Director Van Epps gratitude on behalf of the volunteers who responded.

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Approved this 8th day of June, 2021.

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President