

Genesee Fire Protection District Minutes of November 15, 2023 Board of Directors' Meeting

Attendance

Board Members in Attendance: Nancy Balter, JP Brewer, Patti Harris, Scott Mefford

Board Members Excused: Susan Eagle

Also Attending: Jason Puffett, Max Herte, Joe Auster, Dorie Dalton, Christina Jantze (by Zoom), Bob Dalton, Kris Kleiner, Will Quinby

Call to Order

18:00 by Director Mefford

Minutes of Prior Meetings

- A motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously to accept the minutes of the October 18, 2023 Board meeting.

Public Comment and Announcements

none

Financial Reports

- **Review of October Financials**
 - The October, 2023 financial report was presented by Christina Jantze.
 - A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to accept the year-to-date financials as presented.
- **2024 Budget Hearing**
 - The Budget Hearing was opened at 6:14.
 - There being no comments, it was closed at 6:15.
- **Review Draft Budget Resolution**
 - Chief Puffett provided highlights of the budget and a draft of the budget resolution, which will be voted on at the December meeting.

Reports of Officers, Committees, Professional Consultants

- **Wildland Specialist Dorie Dalton's Report**
 - Lt. Dalton reviewed activities over the last month.
 - Lt. Dalton discussed FireAside, a new tool that will be used instead of Wildfire Prepared for home assessments. It allows much greater flexibility in terms of looking at specific parameters across the assessments that have been done and has a resident portal.
- **Administrator/Training Coordinator Max Herte's Report**
 - All recruits have passed Fire 1 academy. Kris Kleiner has completed all 3 academies.
 - GFR will be introducing Pulse Point, a cell phone app that will let users know if there is an emergency call requiring CPR within walking distance of the user's location, as well as the location of AEDs. Outcomes will improve if CPR can be administered before EMS arrives.
- **Deputy Chief Joe Auster's Report**

- 275 calls to date with good response totals and time to reach scene.
- Apparatus
 - Repairs on 954 completed.
 - All apparatus are good.
- Recruiting: Active recruiting will begin after the first of the year.
- Facilities: All good in spite of a paper towel incident.
- Medical: Trainings continue
- Wildland: class for squad boss is planned
- Branding: efforts continue with thinking about branding going forward after the 50 year anniversary.
- Mental Health: resources have been identified and are being used.
- Auxiliary: year-end recognition being planned.
- Community Liaison: autism trainings continue

Old Business

- **Access Route Update** (Will Quimby)
 - Easements with Genesee Foundation and Genesee Water and Sanitation have been signed.
 - Genesee Foundation has contracts with Baseline Engineering and Zak Dirt for the next phase of engineering to be completed in February, which will provide a cost estimate for building the road.
 - Will and Jason are working on the application to Jefferson County Planning and Zoning, which will be submitted in the next few weeks.

New Business

- **Haynie & Co Engagement Letter:**
 - Chief Puffett and Christina met with them about our concerns over last year's audit. These concerns were heard and acknowledged.
 - Christina recommended staying with them. A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to sign the engagement letter.
- **Ladris – AI Traffic Modeling**
 - Chief Puffett explained the multiple uses of this tool that will the department will have as of January.

Meeting Adjournment

There being no further business, the Board meeting was adjourned at 19:57.