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## January 11, 2023 Lake Grove Fire District Monthly General Board Meeting Minutes

Board President Grant Howell called the General Board meeting to order at 5:56 pm via Google Meet and held in person at the Main Fire Station (214) in Downtown Lake Oswego

## In Attendance:

Grant Howell, Bret Hanson, Sherry Patterson, Allen Patterson, Jon Harrell, Fire Chief Don Johnson, Michelle Cushing

## **Business:**

- 1. The Board reviewed the agenda for tonight's meeting.
- 2. The Board reviewed the minutes from the General Board meeting on December 14, 2022.
  - a. Allen moved to approve the minutes; Sherry seconded the motion. Bret abstained as he was not present at this meeting. Motion passed unanimously
- 3. Fire Chief's Report
  - a. The Chief announced that JT Anoushiravani has been promoted to Battalion Chief for Lake Oswego Fire Department (LOFD). JT replaces Jim Doane who recently retired. JT was hired by the City of Lake Oswego in March of 2004. Prior to being promoted to Lieutenant in 2016, JT served as both a Firefighter/Paramedic and Driver Engineer. Since 2017, while working at LOFD, JT helped develop the Peer Support program, served as a shift labor rep, and now represents Lake Oswego members as their shop steward.
  - b. The Chief recognized and honored members of the LOFD for saving a five year old girl's life in April 2022. The young girl was at home with her Dad when she passed out. Her Dad called 911 and a dispatcher was able to talk him through CPR until LOFD arrived. The young girl, her parents and brother were on hand for the ceremony.
  - c. The Board discussed the AquaEye with the Chief. The AquaEye is an advanced handheld sonar device used to assist in finding missing persons in the water, resulting in quicker victim recovery. The device is ready for immediate reaction to an event and is suitable for shore-based deployment. The Board would like to review a spec sheet and further discuss the features of the AquaEye. The Board is interested in sharing the expense of the AquaEye and discussing the level of financial commitment by both LOFD and the Fire District.
  - d. The Board asked the Chief if the 16 PBI hoods that the Fire District purchased had been received. The Chief will follow up with Zac Bell of LOFD who is in charge of the personal protective equipment (PPE) for the firefighters and confirm.

- 4. Grant asked the Board about their goals for 2022-2023.
  - a. In the interest of time, the Board suggested they only discuss the local option levy goal tonight. The Board plans to have the local option levy election on the May 16, 2023 ballot. The current local option levy expires June 30, 2024 and is 15 cents per \$ 1,000 of Assessed Value. Michelle prepared handouts for the Board to review and discuss. The Fire District is efficiently run and the Board would like to lower the rate and asked Michelle to run additional scenarios for the next Board meeting.
- 5. The Board asked Michelle to confirm with Clackamas County which Board positions are up for election in May 2023. Board Directors are elected at-large from the District during elections held in May of odd-numbered years and the four-year terms run from July 1 to June 30.
- 6. Financial Report
  - a. The Board reviewed the monthly financial report.
    - 1. Allen moved to pay the bills as presented; Grant seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**
  - b. The LGIP bank reconciliation was completed for December 31, 2022. Allen reviewed and approved this bank reconciliation. The US Bank statement had not been received by the date of this meeting. It will be reconciled and reviewed at the next Board meeting.
- 7. Safety Update
  - a. Grant asked the Board members present if they were aware of any safety issues and the response was no.

The Board meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm.