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December 14, 2022 Lake Grove Fire District Monthly General Board Meeting Minutes

Board President Grant Howell called the General Board meeting to order at 5:30 pm via Google Meet and held in person at the Main Fire Station (214) in Downtown Lake Oswego

In Attendance:

Grant Howell, Sherry Patterson, Allen Patterson, Jon Harrell, Battalion Chief Greg Barnum, 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 November 16, 2022.
 - a. Allen moved to approve the minutes; Jon seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously**
3. Fire Chief's Report
 - a. Battalion Chief Greg Barnum joined the Board meeting tonight. Greg said how much the firefighters enjoyed the lunches with the Fire District Board members. The crews were pleased with the Board's interest in them and their safety. The Board would like to do this on an annual basis. Greg thought early Fall is the best time of the year to have these meals and the discussions.
 - b. Greg has been on the Dive team with Lake Oswego Fire Department (LOFD) for 23 years. LOFD has been a leader in Dive Rescue for many decades. The Dive team consists of twelve certified divers trained as Water Rescue specialists. The Dive Team responds from the main fire station with a dedicated Dive Rescue vehicle fully equipped with modern equipment to facilitate a water emergency as well as ice rescues. The Dive team maintains their certification through extensive training throughout the year. Lake Oswego Dive Team are members of the Clackamas County Water Consortium which is a regional water rescue team. The Consortium responds to all water emergencies in Clackamas County and train together as a regional team weekly.
 - c. Greg was sharing with the Board about a sonar device called an AquaEye. An 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. Greg will provide more information on the device and the Board would like to review and discuss at the next Board meeting. Greg has seen a demonstration of the device and was very impressed. He called it a "gamechanger" for water rescue.

4. Grant asked the Board about their goals for 2022-2023.
 - a. Board Member Handbook – Grant has started the draft and will enlist other Board members to assist as needed.
 - b. Meals with the 4 Fire Stations – The meals with the fire stations went really well. There was a need for additional PBI hoods discovered in Jon’s discussions with the fire crew at Station 211. A PBI hood is worn by a firefighter and offers protection around the head, face, and neck and all the way down to the chest. The Board asked Michelle at the previous Board meeting to reach out to the Fire Chief and see about the costs of the hoods. The Chief put Michelle in contact with Zac Bell of LOFD who is in charge of purchasing the personal protective equipment (PPE) for the firefighters. Zac stated the PBI Structure Hoods are \$ 103.75 each and the Structure Fire Gloves are \$ 115.95 each pair.
 1. Allen moved to purchase 16 hoods (4 hoods for each station) for a total price of \$ 1,660.00; Jon seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**
 - c. Fire Protection Awareness and Education – Allen and Sherry will lead this goal. Sherry will reach out to the State Fire Marshal’s office to gather information on fire suppression systems, Allen will gather information from other sources for fire suppression information.
 - d. Traffic Safety Study – Completed Friday August 26 and Grant is compiling and editing video and drone footage. He plans to have something for the Board to watch and review at a future Board meeting.
 - e. Local Option Levy – On the ballot in May 2023 – Michelle will work on and present to the Board for discussion at the January 2023 Board meeting.
5. Financial Report
 - a. The Board reviewed the monthly financial report.
 1. Jon moved to pay the bills as presented; Grant seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**
 - b. Both bank reconciliations were completed for November 30, 2022. Sherry and Grant reviewed and approved these bank reconciliations.
 - c. The first installment for fiscal year 2022-2023 of \$ 518,571.72 is due by December 31, 2022 to the City of Lake Oswego for the fire services contract. Allen will make the transfer on December 28, 2022.
6. 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 7:15 pm.