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March 13, 2024 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 Main Fire Station (214) in Downtown Lake Oswego.

In Attendance:

Grant Howell, Bret Hanson, Allen Patterson, Sherry Patterson, Jon Harrell, Assistant Fire Chief Kris Artman, 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 February 21, 2024.
 - a. Allen moved to approve the minutes; Sherry seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously**
3. Fire Chief's Report – Assistant Fire Chief Kris Artman joined the meeting tonight.
 - a. One of the Lake Oswego City Council 2024 goals is to begin a needs assessment and community engagement process to rebuild the South Shore Fire Station (212). Situated on South Shore Boulevard, the Station 212 is the oldest of the four Lake Oswego Fire Stations still in active service. Built in 1971, the station originally shared space with Lake Oswego Communications (LOCOM) which was later moved to City Hall. The City owns the vacant property next to the existing station. The station staffs an engine and the rescue boat which provides water rescue as part of the water rescue consortium. The station serves the neighborhoods south of Oswego Lake to the Tualatin River and east from Marylhurst University to Blue Heron.
 - b. The Lake Oswego Fire Department (LOFD) is hiring 2 new Firefighters EMT/Paramedics. LOFD would hope to start the 10-week fire academy in early April and then the newly hired employees would be ready to be assigned to their shifts by summer.
 - c. In an effort to provide the right response and serve the community, LOFD is going to start a pilot project to respond to calls deemed as "O" or Omega calls. LOCOM uses a series of scripted questions designed to gather specific information about the severity of a patient's illness or medical conditions and determine the priority response level. Omega or "O" is the lowest level, followed by Alpha "A" non-life-threatening situation, Bravo "B", Charlie "C", Delta "D" and Echo "E" most critical life-threatening emergency. Low acuity calls or Omega calls will be handled by a Lake Oswego fire engine. LOFD will provide feedback with each call to evaluate the process.
 - d. LOFD invited the Board and Michelle to join them for lunch and a tour of the South Shore Fire Station sometime in April. Chief Artman and Michelle will work on scheduling.

4. Board goals for fiscal year 2023-2024
 - a. Sherry has been working on seismic gas shutoff valves. Seismic gas shutoff valve devices automatically shut off the gas to your home when an earthquake happens. Jon has a contact that he will share with Sherry that may be helpful and provide further insight.
 - b. Allen has been gathering information on home fire sprinkler systems. He continues to review the State of California legislation that created laws for home fire sprinkler systems.
 - c. Bret proposed mailing a postcard or pamphlet to residents educating them on propane tanks and the potential blast if a tank were to explode. Awareness and safety measures around propane. Bret will ask LOFD for their thoughts and input.
 - d. Jon has been helping the Board stay on task and follow the time limits for each topic on the monthly agenda.
 - e. Grant and Michelle attended the Lake Forest neighborhood association (LFNA) meeting on Thursday, January 25. Grant and Michelle spoke to the group at the Lake Oswego Adult Community Center. The meeting was held a couple of weeks after the ice and snow storm. People were sharing what worked and didn't work. Grant and Michelle plan to attend the Southwood Park CPO (Community Planning Organization) meeting on Monday, April 29.
5. Financial Report
 - a. The Board reviewed the monthly financial report.
 1. Jon moved to pay the bills as presented; Sherry seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Bank reconciliations were completed for February 29, 2024. Grant and Jon reviewed and approved these 2 bank reconciliations.
 - c. The second installment for fiscal year 2023-2024 of \$ 266,084.81 is due to the City of Lake Oswego for the fire services contract. Allen will make the transfer.
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 6:40 pm.