



Foresthill Fire Protection District

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DIRECTOR

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FIRE CHIEF

Foresthill Fire Protection District
Minutes of Regular Board of Directors
Meeting
Thursday, December 08, 2022
District Administration Office
24320 Main St., Foresthill, CA 95631

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- a) President Michelini called the Board Meeting to order at 6:00pm.

2. FLAG SALUTE

- a) Led by Director Simonick

3. ROLL CALL

- a) President Michelini (via zoom), Vice President Reams, Director Simonick, Director Hercules and Director Williams were present
- b) Fire Chief Matcham was present.

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

- a) Director Simonick moved to approve the agenda, second by Vice President Reams, roll call vote, passes, roll call, passes 5/0.
- b) Action item 8b taken out of sequence.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a) Paula Bertoincin asked that we be sure that when we call on the public to help when asked, please ask for the staff and firefighters support as well. Make sure we have both sides to bridge the gap for this next year.

6. CONSENT ITEMS

- a. Motion made by Director Simonick to approve consent items; the minutes of the November 10, 2022 Regular Board meeting and the FM 5 documents, second by Director Williams, roll call vote, passes, 4/0. (Director Michelini absent).

7. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- **November 2022**
- 3 Resident Firefighters are now online
- New Holmatro extrication tools are in service
- New hose testing equipment had been ordered - AFG Hose Maintenance grant funded
- Currently have 1 line staff member on light duty
- Received notification our Safer grant application was denied
- Handtevy application is now well into the process and moving forward
- Went to the National Fire Academy back east and made great connections
- **Incident Responses:** 49, total through 11/30/22: 697, total 2021: 664 Increase YTD: 5%

- **Transports:** 22, total through 11/30/22: 361, total 2021: 339 Increase YTD: 7%
- **Training:** 380 hours
- **Community Risk Deduction-** 4 inspections, YTD 128, 24% higher than previous year.
- **Support Services/Fleet-**
 - Engine 90 is out of service – pump control module failure
 - Brush 88 and 90 are both out of service, major repairs to transfer case on each unit
 - Brush 90 is at G & T for repairs
 - Waiting for quote on remount cost.
 - OES is down at the shop for maintenance
 - Engine 85 (loan from Placer Hills Fire) in quarters at Station 88
 - New command vehicle is ordered. Currently at the shop being modified, parts needed are on back order.
- **Facilities-**
 - Ramp/apron at Station 90 has been done as of today and is in the drying process. Should be usable after 2 weeks.
 - Station 11 will be closing for the season on December 12, 2022.
- **Additional Comments-**
 - Dec. 16, 2022 at 2pm at the admin office is scheduled hearing on the Ryan property. An Auburn City Fire Code Enforcement officer will be the hearing officer. Chief Matcham would like one or two of the board members to attend. Director Reams volunteered; Director Simonick will attend if available.
 - Current vacancy, one Captain and 1 Firefighter/Paramedic
 - Paula Bertoncin asked if we were raising our Hazardous vegetation fees as Placer County has done. Chief Matcham explained the process using our own procedures and Ordinance and then turning over to Placer County if they don't comply.

8. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Second reading of Ordinance 2022-01 amending and adopting the 2022 California Building Standards Code (Title 24, California Code of Regulations) Part 9 (2022 California Fire Code) and appendices. Director Simonick made a motion to accept the second reading of Ordinance 2022-01, second by Vice president Reams, roll call vote, motion passes, 5/0. The Ordinance will go into effect Jan 07, 2023.
- b. This item was taken after Agenda approval in this meeting. President Michelini moved to elect Director Richard Hercules to be new board president, second by Director Simonick, roll call vote, passes 5/0. President Hercules took over meeting. Motion made by President Hercules to nominate Director Michelini to be vice president, second by Director Williams, roll call vote, passes 4/1. President Hercules went over assignments for standing committees, Long Range Planning-President Hercules and Director Michelini, Finance-Directors Williams and Michelini. New committee to be Assets and Facilities- Directors Williams & Simonick. All labor negotiations will be handled by Chief Matcham with assist from Director Simonick at his discretion. In January wants to start working on updating policies and procedures, may need to amend current by-laws to reflect our community. Chief Matcham reminded the board we have Lexipol through our new insurance company that can help with that.

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a) Regarding the Blue-Ribbon Panel/Committee. They will republish the request for community members December 15, 2022 to January 09, 2023. We will have 7 people on this committee. They will post this on all social media platforms. They will also resolicit those who had expressed an interest to the prior postings.

10. REPORTS

- a. Finance Committee
 - i. Did not meet / no report

- b. Labor Negotiations Committee
 - i. This committee will be discontinued with Chief Matcham being the main negotiator on behalf of the Board.
- c. Long Range Plan Committee
 - i. Did not meet / no report
- d. Director's Reports
 - i. Policy issues sent out to the board before the next board meeting for discussion at the next meeting.

11. NON-AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION REPORTS

- a. Foresthill Volunteer Firefighters Association
 - i. Nothing to report
- b. Foresthill/Iowa Hill FSC
 - i. Director Williams did attend their most recent meeting. A guest speaker from a retired Cal Fire person that was there to educate the public on prescribed burns on personal property. After the new year there is an eight-hour class they suggest people attend regarding the prescribed broadcast burning. Suggested people start small with a ¼ acre. According to Chief Matcham this program is designed for 20-acre (or more) parcels. Director Williams said that part was never mentioned at the meeting. Paula Bertocin mentioned there is a form from Placer County of \$5,000.00 for help on vegetation management for those over 65 years or older, disability and lower income.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. None

13. OLD BUSINESS

- a) None

14. CLOSED SESSION

- a) None

15. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted:



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Administrative
Assistant