



Foresthill Fire Protection District

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Minutes of Regular Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, May 10, 2018
Foresthill Fire Protection District Administration Office
24320 Main St.
Foresthill, CA 95631
Video: <https://vimeo.com/271030724>

President Chris Reams called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Directors in Attendance: All Directors were present.

Directors Absent: None

Staff in Attendance: Chief and Secretary Metz.

Approval of Agenda: Director Arthur made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Director Harkness seconds the motion. Motion carries.

Approval of previous Meeting Minutes:

- Director Arthur made a motion to approve the minutes from the 3/13 Finance Committee, 4/12 Regular Meeting and the 4/26 Special Meetings as presented. Director Reed seconds the motion. Motion carries.
- VP Greene approve the minutes of the 5/3 Finance Committee meeting as presented. Director Reed seconds the motion. Motion carries.

Approval of Financial Report:

Total expense is at 84.4% with 83.3% of FY elapsed (through 4/30/18).

- OT –
 - Sept 2018-Dec 2018 \$64,404.30
 - Jan 2018-Mar 2018 \$31,316.19
 - April 2018 \$3,991.07
- We received our 2nd Teeter Installment of property tax in April. Totaling \$316,017.00.
- Waiting on payment for 1 more Strike Team. The State has been pretty good the last couple of years about wanting everything paid within the same fiscal year.
- Vacation and Sick liability is at 116.5% because with increased wages and making the majority of staff full-time comes increased financial liability.
- Everything else looks good.
- We'll need to pass a preliminary 18/19 budget at the June meeting so we can keep paying bills until the final budget is passed in September.
- VP Greene made a motion to approve the April financials as presented. Director Arthur seconds the motion. Motion carries.

Fire Chief Operations Report:

- Significant calls: Pursuit ended in Foresthill by PCWA office. Subject was shot by CHP officers. FHF treated the Pt and transported to the LZ where he was pronounce deceased.
- Vehicle accident – Solo vehicle into a tree in Baker Ranch area. Solo occupant, driver, was DOA of EMS personnel.
- 04/25/18 1400 Chimney Fire at residence on Green Leaf Ln. FHF units arrived and found active fire in the chimney system. FHF crews took action closing stove. Fire continued to burn so water was introduced to the chimney. ST11 arrived and assisted with complete extinguishment. Cause was extremely soot clogged were chimney transitioned from metal to old terracotta clay pipe.
- AMR was requested numerous times to cover the district and was only able to provide hard cover at ST90 a couple times.
- Prevention: Several flow tests for new construction. A couple hazardous vegetation inspections at owners' request for insurance reasons.
- Apparatus: E90 back after age related mechanical and significant plumbing repair – main pipe from tank to pump rotted out.
- Grants: Still waiting for update on regional SCBA \$200,000 grant to replace outdated SCBAs that were originally acquired with grant in 2003.
- Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant was submitted this month. 3 year program to hire 3 FT firefighter/medics - \$560,000 (\$215,000 FHF matching funds required.)

Action Items:

1. Adopt Resolution #2018-04, ***Adjustment of Special (Measure M) Tax By Consumer Price Index for 2018.***
 - a. Director Arthur made a motion to adopt Resolution #2018-04 increasing Measure M by 3.6% for FY 2018/2019. Director Reed seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously.
2. Approve Cost Share of \$2,500.00 for Roof Repair on the Porter Garage with the Foresthill Firefighter Volunteer Association.
 - a. Mondo Hernandez, President of the Foresthill Firefighters Association reported that the Porter Garage need \$5k in roof repairs. He asked the Board to cost share the expense 50/50 with the Association.
 - b. Director Arthur made a motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$2,500 for 50% of the cost of repairing the roof at the Porter Garage. Director Reed seconds the motion. Motion carries.

3. Discuss and Approve Board's Intention to ask the Registered Voters within the Foresthill Fire Protection District to Approve a General Parcel Tax. Indicate the Amount of Proposed Tax and the Timing of said Election.
 - a. After open discussion between the Board and the members of the public present at the meeting, VP Greene made a motion to call for a Special Election to seek a general tax in the amount of \$240.37 per taxable parcel. Said election to be held at the earliest available date from the Placer County Elections Department. Director Reed seconds the motion. Motion carries, unanimously.

Discussion Items:

1. Volunteer Recruitment Status.
 - a. We have received 0 Volunteer applications.
2. Discuss Upcoming Contract Renewal for Administrative Services with Placer Hills Fire.
 - a. VP Greene made the following comments regarding a new contract with PHFPD for Chief services:
 - i. We need a clear picture of exactly where we are financially.
 - ii. We can't keep spending money like we have it.
 - iii. We were elected by the people of Foresthill to look out for Foresthill.
 - iv. Now might be a good time to come up with a plan to have our own Chief.
 - v. VP Greene would like to have a Finance Committee meeting to work through the financial portion of this issue.
 - b. There was general discussion between the Board and the audience.
3. Discuss Potential, Future "*Fee for Service*" Ordinances.
 - a. Chief Kushen explained that many of the ongoing issues with Fire Departments statewide is the requirements put on personnel and apparatus for the performing of ancillary functions that go along with firefighting. He would like to work on a collaborative project to establish a common *Fee for Service* schedule for Placer Hills, Foresthill, Newcastle and Penryn. These fees are not designed to generate revenue, they're designed to cover the cost of providing the service. This will eliminate the taxpayers of the district from subsidizing the cost of commercial business inspections.
 - b. President Reams asked Chief Kushen to come up with a presentation about this proposed program and ordinance.

Reports:

1. Finance Committee (Reams/Greene)
 - a. None
2. MOU Negotiations (Arthur/Harkness)
 - a. Director Arthur reported that they have not heard back from the Union yet to schedule a meeting.
3. Long Range Plan Committee
 - a. None
4. Firefighter's Association
 - a. Association President, Mondo Hernandez reported that currently the Association is gearing up for the garage sale.
5. Iowa Hill and Foresthill Fire Safe Council
 - a. Gary Kirk reported the following:

- I. First round of grant funding has been received from PCWA for the tree mortality project on the middle fork.
- II. If funding is secured, work on some of the fuel breaks will take place.

6. Director's Reports
 - a. None

Correspondence:

- None

Old Business:

- None

Public Comment:

- None

Meeting adjourned by President Reams at 7:25 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 2018 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:



Patrice Metz, Board Secretary