

Action Items:

1. Board approval of 10 year contract with S-SV EMS for our EOA (exclusive operating area).
 - a. Chief Kushen stated that this is a boilerplate contract. Any changes to it will have to be approved by the Board of Supervisors.
 - b. VP Greene made a motion to accept the 10 year EOA as presented. Director Arthur seconds the motion. Motion carries.
 - c. Chief Kushen explained to the audience who S-SV is and what they do.
2. Scratched.
 - a. See statement by President Reams (**ATTACHMENT 1**).
3. Scratched.
 - a. VP Greene wants a Staff Report with a cost and savings analysis for the Board to review. Chief Kushen stated that it can be done.
4. Scratched.
 - a. Resident, John Michelini stated that in the interest of transparency, the Board should consider publically acknowledging that District consolidation is being considered.

Discussion Items:

1. Discussion Regarding Duty Coverage and Cost of Chief Services from Placer Hills FPD.
 - a. No Discussion
2. Opinion Published in August 2nd Foresthill Messenger regarding *Measure B – Where we Stand*.
 - a. President Reams read a prepared statement.
 - b. Director Harkness apologized for appearing to represent the Board in the opinion piece he authored.
 - c. Resident, Robert Sinetos read a prepared statement (**ATTACHMENT 2**).
 - d. District Mechanic, Greg Ronk stated that he did not provide Director Harkness with the statistics which were stated in the opinion piece.
 - e. There was lengthy general discussion from the audience to Director Harkness. Including calls for his resignation and official censure from the Board.

Reports:

1. Finance Committee (Reams/Greene)
 - a. Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 22nd, 6:00 p.m.
2. Bureau of Reclamation Funding:
 - a. No report, Director Reed absent.
3. Long Range Plan Committee
 - a. No report
4. Firefighter's Association:
 - a. Best garage sale. We will release the final numbers as soon as all the expenses have been tallied.
 - I. VP Greene gave kudos to Mondo for a job well done. Per his wife, Jolie, Mondo should learn how to delegate more. He went above and beyond.
5. Foresthill & Iowa Hill Fire Safe Council Report:

- a. Captain Johnson reported that the Council is still working on assisting property owners to remove dead trees with a grant they received.
6. Director's Reports:
- a. None

Correspondence:

- None

Old Business:

- None

Public Comment:

- President Reams asked all of the Firefighter's to introduce themselves to the audience.
- Association President, Mondo Hernandez stated that we will be ordering a large dumpster to get rid of all the leftover garage sale items next week. Help will be needed to load it up.

Meeting adjourned by President Reams at 6:54 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2017 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:



Patrice Metz, Board Secretary

ATTACHMENT 1

Future Direction

The question is what is the best course of action for the people of Foresthill? The community's best future with fire and ambulance service is with consolidation.

What are the problems?

1. We are approximately \$112, 860 in the red this year.
2. We will need at least another \$100,000 for defibrillators, SCBA air bottles, a roof and other equipment leaving the reserve at \$369,131.
3. Worn out engines and repairs.
4. Minimum Wage cost in 5 years will be up to \$212,000 every year.
5. Retention of firefighters, they are testing now.
6. Can't do a tax measure now because we can't close a station, if we have reserve money.
7. Can't do a tax measure until we close a station. If we close a station we will have wreaked havoc on the community, but It maybe our only option.

ROBERT SINETOS STATEMENT

ATTACHMENT 2

In my opinion, Foresthill Fire District is a professional organization. We have plans for the future! We maintain rapid and professional service and we're loyal to this community. An organization whose planning process includes the realization of annual and future increases in costs to maintain current levels of service should be supported by ALL Board Members. In order to maintain the current level of service, we will have to "GET OVER" the "JUST MAKE DUE" attitude of a member of the current Board.

Director Harkness, your letter published in the FH Messenger on 8/1/17 further confused and misled the public regarding the current financial state of the fire district. You voted to approve the Measure B election (the board vote was unanimous), you publically stated that you voted yes on Measure B, now you state that we can simply make due with our substandard funding. What happens when the apparatus will no longer get us to the calls? Horse drawn fire apparatus are considered obsolete. As a taxpayer of this district, I don't want every employee to be a "rookie". Some experience and knowledge of this complex community is required for the District's long term success. If we "Make Due" as you propose, all of the experience we amassed over the years will be gone. They will have to seek employment elsewhere just to put food on their tables.

If the leaders of this district do not have a common goal or vision, we will not only "simply make due", we will stagnate to the point of extinction. Since 2012 FFPD has been treading water but it's rapidly becoming stretched too thin and may drown.

It is painfully obvious that only a couple of the Board members consistently bring fresh, forward thinking ideas to the table. Tyler, what have you contributed to move us forward since you took office 8+ years ago?

I hope you can see your way clear to not speak for the entire Board in a public forum again and I sincerely hope you will leave the past, underfunded operations behind and make a better effort to be part of the forward thinking solution.