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MINUTES

Clark County Fire District 6 Commissioners Meeting
Regular Meeting
Station 61, 7:30 p.m.
April 19, 2016

Members present: Chairman Bloemke, Commissioner Collins, Commissioner Lothspeich.

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Bloemke.

Captain Hollingsworth led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None.

Commissioner Lothspeich made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve the April 5, 2016 public hearing and April 5, 2016 regular meeting minutes and to have them posted for public view and on the District's website. Commissioner Bloemke asked for a revision on Page 4 regarding an opinion he had on one of the options in the architect firm agreement. With that revision, the motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Safety Committee: None.
- Parade Committee:
Mark Puch reported they are preparing for the Parade of Bands.
- Risk Management Group:
Last met on April 6, 2016. The Group discussed the Labor & Industries Retrospective Rating System and determined the cost would be significantly higher for the Group membership. It will not be considered further.
- Fairgrounds Fire Facility Board: None.

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In 2016, a number of updates to SCBA are needed, including face shield replacement for 130 masks totaling \$30,550; replacement of 75 masks totaling \$35,850; replacement of straps totaling \$45,600 and mandatory recertification of technicians at approximately \$5,500.

Asst. Chief Maurer provided information on a newer issue with face shields known as crazing which results from thermal stress (heat) and can lead to failure of the face shield. Nine firefighter deaths have been attributed to this – seven of them between 2002 and 2011. The District has had some crazing of face shields and she presented some examples to the Board and showed a video where the crazing was demonstrated.

Chief Maurer also provided photo examples of chipping of SCBA bottles. Some is cosmetic and requires re-coating, but occasionally damage is into the wrap material and the bottle is permanently out of service. As of now, 73 of our 175 bottles need to be re-coated.

Chief Maurer pointed out the maximum lifetime of the SCBA is fifteen years. Ours are over eleven years old and as stated, there are a number of repairs needed totaling over \$100,000. To replace all 58 packs, bottles and related equipment would cost approximately \$550,000. The cost of new SCBA increases around 5% annually. Low interest leases are available to purchase new SCBA and pay them off over 3, 4 or 5 years. The interest rate varies from 2.5% to 2.64%, depending on the term.

Staff will provide more information regarding this to the Board at a future meeting.

The Workshop concluded at 8:30 p.m.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

- March 2016 Station 151 Response Report
Chief Green reported Station 151 had crews available to respond to 1 of 4 fire calls and 6 of 28 EMS calls during February for a total of 7 of 32 within the District. This is a response rate of 21.88%. The call volume to date is 96. In 2015 it was 91. Overall combined responses are 14 of 40 or 35%. Shift coverage in March was 25.81%.
- March 2016 Overtime Summary Report
Total overtime for March was \$83,486 compared to \$64,925 in 2015. Overtime for Battalion Chief callback, shift replacement and training combined was \$66,328. Mandatory callback for captains and firefighters contributed significantly to this number. Average monthly overtime has increased by \$2,390 from first quarter 2015 to 2016.

Commissioner Bloemke stated the Board has been funding positions requested by staff but the overtime seems to keep increasing. Chief Newberry pointed out the training is higher in

March due to Captains completing their required continuing education for the year. In addition, sometimes we are above minimum staffing but still have to call a Captain in on overtime because there are no available acting captains.

- March 2016 Budget Performance Report
Anticipated expenditures at the end of March would be 25%. Fund 6212 (Fire) is at 21.1% expended and Fund 6242 (EMS) is at 20.3% of annual budget.

OLD BUSINESS:

- None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Resolution 2016-004 – Revised 2016 Fire Budget
With the signing of the agreement with the Mackenzie firm to perform Phase 1 services, staff has prepared a revision to the 2016 Fire budget. The only revision is increasing Professional Services (522-20-41-00) by \$130,000 from \$214,000 to \$344,000. This decreases the Ending Balance by the same amount. Commissioner Lothspeich made a motion, second by Commissioner Collins, to adopt Resolution 2016-04. The motion passed unanimously.

- Challenge Coin Policy Proposal
Chief Green provided the Board a draft policy created by Captain Nick McCarty for the purchase and use of Challenge Coins to be distributed to career and volunteer personnel for reaching certain stated milestones in the department. The cost per coin is \$8.52 each.

Commissioner Bloemke thought it appropriate for the Award Committee to discuss the draft policy. He preferred the Committee meet in person, not via email.

Commissioner Collins stated the District already has morale boosters in place and they are under-utilized. He had a concern with diluting what is already in place.

Commissioner Lothspeich stated achievements which are part of their requirements for service or job should not necessarily result in a coin award, unless something significant is done during the process.

The Chief will schedule a meeting of the Awards Committee.

- Policy Revision – Recruit Graduation and Promotion
A draft was presented to the Board which includes revised language for a badge-pinning ceremony which now takes place at the State Fire Academy graduation ceremony. New language addresses Service Recognition to provide a consistent method of recognizing

personnel who leave the department after a minimum of ten years of service. Included would be a ceremony to include family and friends and community. It was proposed to have an annual ceremony in June each year to honor those who have left. A concern was raised that if a member were to leave in September, it's a long wait for a ceremony in June.

Commissioner Bloemke suggested this policy go to the Awards Committee for further discussion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ROUND TABLE and GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Commissioner Lothspeich reported a member of the public had pointed out how nice and well-kept our fire stations look. He thanked members for their work.
- Commissioner Collins reported he passed by a TRT rescue on Highway 14 and FD6 personnel were on scene. He is proud of our team.

Commissioner Collins made a motion authorizing April issuance of payroll warrants, authorizing April payroll direct deposits, authorizing April deposit of Federal and FICA/Medicare withholding and authorizing the payment of current bills in the amounts of:

Fund 6212	\$354,143.00
Fund 6242	\$70,685.75

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lothspeich and passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Dean Bloemke, Chair


David Taylor, Board Secretary