



Quincy Fire Protection District

Board of Commissioners

Minutes of Regular Meeting

January 9, 2020

Feather River Bulletin Conference Room

- I. Chairman Taborski called the meeting to order at 7:30 am., with Vice Chairman Leonhardt, Treasurer Andrew Ryback, Chief Cassou and District Secretary White present.
- II. Public Comment - None
- III. Treasurer Ryback made a motion to approve the December 2019 amended meeting minutes, Vice Chairman Leonhardt seconded the motion, motion passed.
- IV. Financial Reports – Treasurer Andrew Ryback
 - a. No financials for January to be reviewed at this time. Following up on the Insurance question regarding coverage for the commissioners, Chief Cassou informed the board that they were covered under our umbrella coverage.
- V. Fire Chief's Report: (Chief Cassou)
 - a. Calls – There were 54 ems and 4 fire calls for a total of 58 calls last month. Our documented, 2019 total calls were 589. The sheriff's department has us at 624 911 calls which is not uncommon considering we are often canceled prior to reaching the station. Where up from the year before.

- b. The corporate board met a few weeks ago and agreed to purchase 15 red extrication suits for the rescue squad at \$600.00 each and 3 radios for the OES engine.
- c. Chief Cassou reported the holiday party went well and thanked the board for their support and participation. Coby Brown and Ben Windle did the dinner this year and it turned out well. The following night we did the Community Supper, Chief Cassou thanked Vice Chairman Leonhardt for his participation, we had great support from the new auxiliary volunteers, it was a nice turnout.
- d. Chief Cassou, working with a few people for new instructors that are qualified to teach state-certified programs. Tim Eckles, from Long Valley Fire Department, is a retired Cal Fire Battalion Chief and taught as San Luis Obispo. Chief Cassou will be meeting with Chris Baker from Graeagle Fire Protection District on the 30th. Both men are interested in teaching state certification programs here in the county and participating in our Fire Academy this year.
- e. Chief Cassou, is working with the California State Firefighters Assoc. to acquire funding from a FEMA Rural Recruitment and Retention grant to provide \$2,500. for the purchase of a set of new compliant turn-outs and \$450 to provide NFPA physicals for each new firefighter who has joined the department since December 2018 (approximately 11 firefighters).
- f. Chief Cassou, this year we are applying for the Cal Fire Volunteer Fire Assistance grant for replacing some of our old wildland gear. Cal Fire will pay up to 50% of the cost to a maximum State contribution of \$20,000.
- g. Steve Fowler (Fire Prevention Officer) has been finishing up the fire inspections with only a few to go. We have had no complaints regarding the inspections or the procedural process for SB#1205.
- h. Drills – Tuesday will be doing immunizations, fit testing, protective clothing, and equipment inventory. Tuesday 21st our rescue squad drill, Dan Brea from L.N. Curtis will be here to measure the department for extrication suits QVFP Inc. will be buying 15 sets this year. We will have multiple stations set up for tying people in stokes stretchers CPR, AED. On the 28th were doing ropes, knots, hoisting equipment, John Gay will be coordinating.

- i. We have 4 firefighters at Rio Hondo Frank Carey, Matt West, Eric Vinyard, and Jonathan Medrano.
- j. On the 15th of February, we have the Installation Dinner, we will be cooking on Friday night the 14th. Then on the 16th, we are doing breakfast as well.
- k. Truck 8161 is back in service.

VI. Other Business

- a. Chief Cassou has been in contact with the executor of the estate of 173 Andy's Way, and it is still pending.
- b. Fire Station 1 repairs are on hold until spring. Regarding the metal staircase, Chief Cassou talked to Golden West from Chico. The estimate is at \$42,000.00 in steelwork alone which is \$10,00.00 more than Lazzarino bid for the same work. Treasurer Andy Ryback spoke with Dave Sosner from Creekside Inc. He looked at the bid from Lazzarino and it was not that far off for our area. Chairman Taborski acknowledges that the data is enough to continue with Lazzarino, Vice Chairman Leonhardt made a motion to accept the bid, Treasurer Ryback second, motion approved.
- c. Treasurer Ryback brought to the board's attention in his endeavors regarding Station 3's maintenance issues, found that the corner property on Quincy Junction and Chandler maybe for sale. The board ensued in a discussion regarding the possible acquisition of Patrick Cottini's property, as a better location for Station 3.

VII. Meeting adjourned by Chairman Taborski at 8:00 am

Submitted:



Vice Chairman

Charles Leonhardt