

TILLAMOOK FIRE DISTRICT

4/14/2015

The regular monthly meeting for Tillamook Fire District was held on Tuesday, April 14, 2015, at 5:15 p.m. at the Tillamook Fire Station, 2310 Fourth Street, Tillamook, Oregon.

Directors Present: Joe Martin, Secretary/Treasurer
Debra Reeves, Board Chair
Eric Simmons, Vice-Chair
Dave Mattison, Director
Tim Hamburger, Director

Staff Present: Rick Adams, Fire Chief
Rueben Descloux, Fire Marshal
Alan Christensen, Training Officer

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Debra Reeves.

Minutes: A motion to approve the March 10, 2015 minutes was made by Tim Hamburger and seconded by Joe Martin. Ayes were received from all members present and the motion carried.

Bills: A motion to pay the March 2015 bills was made by Joe Martin and seconded by Tim Hamburger. Ayes were received from all members present and the motion carried.

Correspondence and Financial Statement: The March 2015 financial statement was not available for the meeting.

A copy of the February 2015 financial was available and Chair Reeves had a question regarding the OFMA member dues which was actually the registration for the conference.

A motion to approve the February 2015 financial statement with the revisions as noted was made by Eric Simmons and seconded by Dave Mattison. Ayes were received from all members present and the motion carried.

Fire Chief Report: Chief Adams reported that most of the budget draft is done and he is still waiting on some medical insurance numbers before presenting the budget message. Four out of five board members indicated that they would like hard copies of the budget.

PERS will see an increase from 10.58% to 13.9%. The aptly named green sheet was distributed to indicate which departments in the state would save money by switching from the OFCA/ MODA plan to the SDAO self-insured plan. The reduced rates would be available to those agencies with a lower median age of insured. Currently our MODA rate increase is projected to be around 4% but if 20-30% of the departments in the state

change we may see rate increases up and over 12%. A large number of union all career departments may not switch due to the length of time contract negotiations would take.

With the increase in health care, PERS and now an 8% increase in Work Comp coverage, Chief Adams recommended that staff do not receive a COLA increase. The Work Comp increase is projected to be around \$8,000 due to Jason's time loss for his shoulder injury last year and a small number of minor injury claims. Alan met with Wilson Heirgood to discuss options or programs available to reduce the liability. One of those options is to buy back some work comp claims in the amount of \$1052.86.

A motion to pay \$1052.86 to SDAO to buy back work comp claims and lower our mod factor was made by Eric Simmons and seconded by Tim Hamburger. Ayes were received from all members present and the motion carried.

The new Work Comp rates will be with us for three years. Chief is proposing to move some of our aging volunteers from combative to non-combative removing them from the higher rate and two of our snow bird volunteers to a 50% rate. We currently have (4) full time employees, (48) volunteers and (5) board members. By recording administrative hours by staff versus active firefighting we are still reducing are rates.

Chief read Resolution 2015-01, A Resolution Extending Workers Compensation Coverage to Volunteers of Tillamook Fire District by title only.

A motion to approve Resolution 2015-01 A Resolution Extending Workers Compensation Coverage to Volunteers of Tillamook Fire District was made by Eric Simmons and seconded by David Mattison. Ayes were received from all members present and the motion carried.

Truck 31 will be having its annual UL destructive testing performed on April 29.

Our Cape Meares landlord has proposed a slight increase in our Station 73 lease from \$3,800 to \$5,000 a year with a 3 year lease proposal.

A motion to approve the three year lease in the amount of \$5,000 a year for Station 73 was made by Joe Martin and seconded by Eric Simmons. Ayes were received from all members present and the motion carried.

Chief and Alan recently purchased (5) seats for online recruit firefighter training with Action Training. This will free Alan up to do the didactic training on weekends leaving the classroom portion up to the new recruits.

Chief has signed up for the OFCA conference which is immediately followed by the LEPC conference in Astoria. As such Chief has requested that the regularly scheduled Board Meeting be moved to another day.

A motion to move the regularly scheduled Board Meeting from May 12th to May 14th was made by Eric Simmons and seconded by Dave Mattison. Ayes were received from all members present and the motion carried.

The banquet is scheduled for April 25th. Chair Reeves asked if Chief Adams would consider issuing length of service awards to members of the Board for their time served too.

Fire Marshal Report: FM Descloux attended the OFMA conference in Bend during the week of March 16-20, staying at the Riverhouse Hotel. This year's conference and training covered new 2014 Oregon Fire Code changes and amendments, media correspondence, program management, testing and maintenance of fire protection systems, hash oil fire investigations, developing Firewise communities and some sidebar discussion about legislation removing OSFM from health care facilities.

There were 11 inspections completed during the month of March with the majority of those inspections performed along the Main Avenue corridor.

A school inspection was performed at the Seventh Day Adventist School.

An event inspection was performed at the Home and Garden Show at the Fairgrounds with around 50 vendors. There was one vendor who I required to move his cooking operation away from the outside of the main pavilion.

A general inspection was performed for the newly opened Oregon Coast Bank and occupancy data was updated.

There were 53 emergencies responded to during the month of March with the majority of those incidents being Rescue and EMS just over 71%. Good intent calls made up nearly 15% of our monthly call volume followed by fires and service calls.

A structure fire at 5600 Idaville Road displaced an elderly man during the early AM hours. The male suffers from advanced stages of dementia and had started burning trash in a plastic garbage can in the enclosed rear patio. The fire spread through the wall and up into the attic causing widespread smoke and heat damage throughout. The elderly man wandered off into the dark and was located by SAR members the following morning.

A chimney fire in a home on Fifth Street was confined to the flue and did not spread to the house. There was notable accumulation inside the chimney with cause as failure to clean.

The only other fire for the month was a structure fire in Neskowin, our personnel provided Station 87 coverage in Hebo.

There were two fire safety presentations given for two separate age groups for the Spring Break after hours program at the YMCA. Alan and I provided pubed materials for distribution as well as E11 for show and tell.

Minimal road access and water supply reviews are being performed.

Non-Agenda Items: none

Concerns of the Board: Chair Reeves asked about the \$600 payment to Tech Support for the new phones. Chief indicated that Daryl had waited to request support and has nearly programmed all the new phones for service.

As there was no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rueben Descloux
Fire Marshal

Board Chair Debra Reeves