**TILLAMOOK FIRE DISTRICT**

**01/10/2023**

The regular board meeting for Tillamook Fire District was held on Tuesday, January 10th 2023, at 5:30 p.m. at the Tillamook Fire Station, 2310 Fourth Street, Tillamook, Oregon.

Board Directors Present:

Tim Hamburger, Chair

Allen Burris, Director

Leonard Ingles, Director

Chris Kell, Director

Directors Excused: Brian Cameron

Staff Present: Daron Bement, Fire Chief, Capt. Kris Davis (via Zoom)

Guests: Jason Sterling, Bradly Hamburger, Joel Hamburger, Brenda Descloux (Zoom), Ethan Gilbert, Charles Hall, Alexander Burris, Brandon Abbott, Kyle Adams, RJ Wynia, Will Chapman, John Welch, Heather Grimes, Kris Grimes, Patrick Maahs

**Call to Order:** The regular board meeting was called to order by Chair Tim Hamburger at 5:30 p.m.

**Minutes:** A motion to approve the December 13th, 2022, minutes was made by Allen Burris and seconded by Leonard Ingles. Ayes were received from Tim Hamburger, Allen Burris and Leonard Ingles and Chris Kell, the motion carried.

A motion was made to approve Minutes from Special Meeting with corrections December 27th Minutes otherwise written Ayes were received from Tim Hamburger, Allen Burris and Leonard Ingles and Chris Kell, the motion carried.

**Tillamook Volunteer Firefighters Association:** None at this time

**Non-Agenda Items:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Financial Statement / Correspondence:** November Financials are now available for signatures. A motion to approve the financials report from November was made by Allen Burris and Seconded by Leonard Ingles, Ayes were received from Tim Hamburger, Allen Burris and Leonard Ingles and Chris Kell, the motion carried.

December financial report is not available yet per the CPA it will be forwarded to board when available.

Copies of the bank statements, LGIP balance and accounts payable were forwarded electronically. A motion to pay the bills was heard from Allen Burris and seconded by Leonard Ingles Ayes were received from Tim Hamburger, Allen Burris and Leonard Ingles and Chris Kell, the motion carried.

**Fire Chief Report:** Chief Bement submitted a copy of his report electronically to the board of directors no questions.

**Fire Marshal Report:** FM Descloux submitted a copy of his report electronically. Directors have no questions at this time.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Chair Hamburger brought forward a formal complaint that was issued to the board regarding the pending hiring of a Firefighter/EMT. Hamburger reminded the board that the decision came after the Dec. 27th Meeting that had recently occurred in which the board agreed to the chief’s plan of action for moving forward which was to use the remaining balance of the mechanic budget to hire a person who recently went through an interview process and Chief felt that they were more than adequately qualified. Directors Kell and Ingles had a different recollection of the events and only remembered discussing the funding part, Director Burris was not present but stated that he felt that the job should have been posted for a fair process. Chair Hamburger asked several times throughout the discussion what direction the board wanted to take. Chief Bement defended the position and reminded the Board that an offer had been made and accepted there could be legal ramifications possible. After much discussion back and forth, a directive was given to Chief Bement to seek legal advice and retract the offer and repost the position.

**Concerns of the Board:** Director Ingles voiced his concerns over the performance of Chief Bement and suggested that the board hold a meeting in the short future to have a performance review. The board agreed that a special meeting would need to be posted to conduct the special session for the interviews of volunteers in 2 weeks on the third Wednesday in January.

Comments were also made by Director Chris Kell regarding emergency services and Fire Districts not being able to collect taxes that was discussed in another meeting by a county commissioner, her report is that county is working on a plan or a way for monies to be made available such as a grant opportunity.

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 p.m. was made by Leonard Ingles and seconded by Chris Kell. Ayes were received from Tim Hamburger, Allen Burris, Chris Kell, and Leonard Ingles, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Board Chair Tim Hamburger

Daron Bement, Fire Chief