

**Evergreen Fire District  
Board of Trustees  
Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
Regular Board Meeting of August 10, 2020 – 6:00 pm**

**TO BE HELD AT STATION 82  
332 BIRCH GROVE RD**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

Vice Chairman DePaul calls meeting to order at 6:35 PM

**TRUSTEES PRESENT:**

DePaul, Fallon, Brockman, Connolly (*quorum is present*)

**ABSENT:**

Verworn

**EFD STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:**

Chief Williams

**RECOGNIZE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE:**

(none)

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

*At this time, public may comment on any public matter that is not on the Agenda of the Meeting and that is within the jurisdiction of the District.*

**FINANCIALS:**

Approve June financials

*Motion: Fallon to approve the acceptance of the financial with the exception of 4212 to be review at the September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting*

*Second: Brockman; motion passes by quorum vote.*

**PAST ITEMS/UPDATES:**

Approve meeting minutes of Regular Board Meeting of July 13<sup>th</sup>

*Motion: Brockman to approve the regular board meeting minutes of July 13, 2020*

*Second: Fallon; motion passes by quorum vote.*

**NEW ITEMS:**

**1. Bank Signature Card for Removal of Kyle Nace and Addition of Marc Connolly**

Chief Williams states that Glacier Bank requires meeting minutes that show the Board is removing Kyle Nace as signatory of all accounts and then a second discussion documenting adding Marc Connolly as a signatory.

*Motion: Fallon to remove former Trustee Kyle Nace as a signatory from all signature authorizations on District accounts where ever they are located and to indentify Marc Connolly as the new trustee recently approved and installed by the County Commissioners by acclamation on any and all accounts requiring signatures.*

*Second: Brockman; motion passes by quorum.*

**2. Signature Stamp**

Chief Williams states that Trustee Connolly can have a signatory stamp made and cost is covered by the Department. Connolly will contact Cheri and set up his authorization requests with her.

**3. Approval of Extrication Equipment via 7250**

Chief Williams states extrication equipment generally has a 5 to 7 year shelf life and the District is approaching 10 years on its equipment and having issues with seals that are starting to leak. He states that

*original submitted to County  
Finance - given to Chris 9/29/2020*

EFD is one of the last departments to switch to electric portable equipment. He states extrication equipment was approved in the budget but still wants the Board to know what the expenditure is. Chief Williams states he got a bid from Mahugh Fire and Safety Equipment. They are one of two vendors in the State that carry extrication equipment. Current extrication equipment is Homatro and is serviced from out of Townsend and states repairs and maintenance has been unsatisfactory. He states that personnel have demo'd 4 different kinds of extrication equipment over the past 6 months. Mahugh is the best vendor for TNT; the preferred type of equipment because he is local, provides the best warranty and on-site service and has 4 trained technicians. The District received only 1 bid after 3 months which was Mahugh. Mahugh is willing to take the District's old equipment and is willing to sell it without a brokerage fee. Mahugh does not offer a 'trade in' program. The TNT equipment presented in the bid has a 10 year warranty and uses DeWalt style batteries which can be purchased anywhere while other equipment manufacturers have proprietary batteries and available only through the manufacturer. TNT has been in business for about 17 years with Mahugh picking up the line within the last 5 years.

*Motion; Fallon to approve approximately \$41,500.00 for extrication equipment to be paid for from 7520 (CIP)*

*Second; Connolly; motion passes by quorum*

**4. Approval of 801 Vehicle Purchase**

Chief Williams states he purchased his 2007 Toyota Tundra in 2012 with mileage being just under 100,000 miles and is currently at 237,000 miles and is requiring a lot of money towards repairs. Replacing this vehicle has been in the budget at \$35,000 for the past 2 years but Chief Williams was waiting for the levy to pass and put the purchase of other items as a higher priority. He acknowledges that if he waits any longer it will affect the replacement schedule of the other chase vehicles. He intends to look at purchasing co-op through the government or State (fleet vehicles etc) and could possibly save money by doing so. The Tundra books at \$8200 with the expectation of getting \$8200 because they hold their value. An additional cost would be to have the radio, emergency lights etc, removed from the Tundra and put on the new chase vehicle. Connolly states those costs could be recovered from the sale of the Tundra. Chief Williams agrees and states any excess would be put into CIP. Fallon asks how the new vehicle will be licensed; privately vs. publicly. The existing chase vehicle is licensed personally by Chief Williams but owned by the District. He pays a percentage of mileage (.31 per mile) for personal use and is taxable income. Chief Williams states that Columbia Falls, Whitefish and City of Kalispell are now doing the same. The board takes no action to change the existing personal licensing of chase vehicle 801.

*Motion; Fallon for approval for Chief Williams to spend up to \$35,000.00 for a replacement chase vehicle with the additional costs to come out of proceeds of the sale or trade in of the existing vehicle.*

*Second; Brockman; motion passes by quorum.*

**PROPOSALS:**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**CHIEF'S REPORT:**

**1. June 2020 Call Volume**

**A) Comparison Incident Count by Weekday/Hour (all zones) for June 2020**

**B) Comparison Incident Count per zone for June 2020**

**C) Comparison Incident Statistics for June 2020**

Chief Williams states there are 255 vs. 252 last year for the month; 101 calls over last year with fire and EMS combined; IFT's are up. Fallon asks if trustees should be reviewing the response times and Chief Williams states 'lights and sirens average turn out time' is what is important to the Department and to the District. It is the time between call received and time enroute out of the station. Industry standard is 2 minutes with the Department average at 2 minutes and 11 seconds. Calls into Kalispell have increased significantly again but it has not affected the District due to the passage of the levy and the additional personnel and 1 ambulance to remain in District.

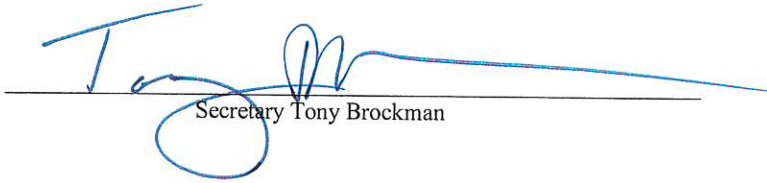
**Adjourn 8:29 pm**

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*The right of individual privacy may be waived by the individual about whom the discussion pertains; and, in that event, the meeting must be open.*



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Secretary Tony Brockman