

**Evergreen Fire District
Board of Trustees
Meeting**

**Meeting Minutes
Regular Board Meeting of September 12th, 2022 – 6:00 pm**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Fallon calls the meeting to order @ 6:14pm

TRUSTEES IN ATTENDANCE:

Fallon, Connolly, Brockman, Gipe

TRUSTEES ABSENT

Fontaine

PERSONNEL IN ATTENDANCE:

Fire Marshall Covington

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. (none)*

FINANCIALS:

Discuss and approve July 2022 Financials – Action

Fallon addresses a letter from Whitefish Credit Union announcing changes regarding some of their banking procedures and states the changes do not affect to the way the District conducts business there. He also states that he has been speaking with the County regarding moving the Benevolent Fund from WFCU to the County if they can provide a separate account for it.

Fallon states that the number of financials reports have been reduced to include the credit card transaction statement which will have a year to date profit and loss for 7204 with each of the reconciliations listing checks written and EFT's and states these would be the same reports that are generated for the auditor. He states a motion to approve the credit card transactions; checks written; and reconciliation for each fund will be needed each month.

Brockman; motion to approve the credit card transaction, checks written and reconciliations for each fund/account; second by Connolly; motion passes 3 to 1 (absent).

PAST ITEMS/UPDATES:

1. Approve meeting minutes of August 8th, 2022 – Action

Motion; Connolly to approve the minutes of August 8th, 2022 as presented; second by Gipe; motion passes 3 to 1 (absent)

2. Brave Heart Ministries Discussion Update

Trustees agree that Braveheart Ministries will receive a quarterly \$5,000 check at the beginning of each quarter. Covington states that Chris has been an asset to both personnel and the District.

3. Heath Benefits Discussion Update

a) Insurance Census – Trustee Connolly

Connolly states the census has been completed and sent to a broker out of Helena. He has worked raw numbers on how the Trustmark rebate occurs annually and provided that information to the broker as well to see if the reimbursement can be provided with a different carrier. Connolly states that providing the broker with information is his only role in researching options to avoid any appearance of a conflict of interest. Connolly is expecting to receive some proposals and will get them out to trustees when he receives them.

b) HRA Restrictions – Covington

Connolly reiterates his stance on the HRA and states he doesn't feel that the Board needs to establish a list of what personnel should or should not be able to purchase with the funds in their HRA accounts because the money is theirs to do what they want with. Covington states he agrees with Connolly and that is the unanimous consensus among those who have an HRA account. Covington states that most of the participants do not make frivolous purchases; most are saving or using their accounts as the District intended. Fallon states that he is looking for a way to get more people to take the health insurance as had been the original intention; to provide health insurance. Fallon asks how much of the budget for the HRA could go into the health insurance plan and provide more affordable deductibles and co-pays with anything left over going into the retirement plan with increased District contributions. Covington states the plan could wind up costing personnel with families more. Fallon states nothing has been decided as far as plan structure regarding employees or dependents. Once the Board receives the proposals it can be further discussed.

4. Budget Discussion – RESOLUTION- 9518 HRA Account: -Action

Motion; Gipe, to approve a transfer and expense \$104,640 from 7204 into 9518 as per Resolution No 2022-08; second by Brockman; motion passes 3 to 1 (absent).

NEW ITEMS:

1. New Ambulance Discussion – Action

Covington states he got an email regarding a Demers ambulance for \$178,000 and while Covington and Chief Williams do have some options the Demers is currently the best one. It is a brand new chassis with an ambulance box remount. Fallon states the Board would like to purchase via bank loan or Inter Cap loan. Fallon and Covington will call Inter Cap. Fallon states he anticipates \$50,000 upfront as down payment and then \$50,000 per year until paid from CIP to Inter Cap. Budget has \$250,000 with \$50,000 of that amount covering accessories and interest rate charges. Also discussed is the need for replacement computers for the Watchroom and Officers quarters.

Motion; Brockman to approve the purchase, delivery, and accessories of an ambulance not to exceed \$245,000 from 7250; second by Connolly; motion passes 3 to 1 (absent).

Motion; Connolly to approve \$5,000 for the purchase of replacement computers from 7250; second by Gipe; motion passes 3 to 1 (absent)

CHIEF'S REPORT:

1. July 2022 Call Volume

- a) Comparison Incident Count by Weekday/Hour (all zones) for July 2022
- b) Comparison Incident Statistics for July 2022

Gipe states that the numbers are not true comparisons and suggests that the numbers be compared with 2019 due to Covid skewing 2020-2021 data.

Adjourn @ 7:39 pm

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Board Secretary