

SONOMA VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order

President Norton called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. via phone-in conference call.

2. Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum

Board of Directors: President William Norton, Vice President John (Matt) Atkinson, Treasurer Mark Johnson, Brian Brady, Mark Emery, Terrence Leen. Director Brunton was absent.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Leen and recited by all.

4. Confirmation of Agenda

The Chief requested that President Norton reorganize the agenda to allow the opening of the public meeting for the Fire Impact Fee and move into item 10a for the presentation by, Blair Aas with SCI Consulting. President Norton and the Board agreed.

5. Comments from the Public

President Norton called to order the public meeting and opened for public comments regarding the draft Nexus Study for the Fire Impact Fee. There was no comments from the public and the public meeting was closed. It should be noted that a public notice was placed in the Press Democrat and ran on September 30 and October 7, 2020.

6. Presentations

Blair Aas with SCI Consulting presented a PowerPoint on the key items of the Fire Impact Fee Nexus Study report to the Board. He gave a thorough presentation allowing for the members of the Board and attendees of the meeting to ask questions about the proposed new fees and the impact they could have on the District.

7. Consent Calendar

M/S/P Emery/Leen approved the meeting minutes from the special board meeting held on September 29, 2020 **Passed 6 ayes, 1 absent**

8. Fire Chief's Monthly Report

Chief Akre gave the Board an updated on the Glass Fire. The District had nine (9) pieces of equipment on the line with five (5) members assigned as overhead to the incident. He cited the new County All Call system with making a huge difference in engine response to incidents since 2017. Chief could not express more to the Board how

proud he was of the Organization, everyone gave above and beyond keeping full staffing levels without a single mandatory assignment.

The Chief then gave a brief updated on the District's budget. He stating that a collective effort by the Administrative Staff enabled lingering items for the budget to be buttoned up. Cash flow has become more stable with the first SAFER grant payment on quarter one payroll and the City release VOM reserve funds they were holding on our behalf.

Covid continues to make an impact on Sonoma County. The SVFD continues to practice the highest level of safety precautions to protect not only our members, but the community at large.

His final update was on the new Station 8 Type 6 engine. We are expecting its arrival in the coming days.

9. Old Business

None

10. New Business

- a) Approved Resolution 2020/21-10, with an addendum to include any excluded or future apparatus to Figure 14 included on page 29 of the Nexus Study which could increase the fee amounts listed in the Resolution. **M/S/P Johnson/Leen, Passed 6 ayes and 1 absent**
- b) Approved the purchase of a new SVFD command vehicle. **M/S/P Johnson/Brady, Passed 6 ayes and 1 absent**
- c) Approved Resolution 2020/21-11 to accept grant funding for structural turnouts. **M/S/P Norton/Leen, Passed 6 ayes and 1 absent**

11. Other Business to Come before the Board

None

12. Comments from the Floor

None

13. Comments/Reports from the Board

Director Emery wanted to express to the Board and the Chief that in doing his own research on other fees assessed by the County. The new Fire Impact Fees proposed are a much smaller figure than those of the County.

Director Emery asked the Chief if the District had a policy in place regarding accommodations for those SVFD members that go above and beyond to better the District, like those who apply and receive grant awards. The Chief informed the Board that, yes, the District has a policy in place and he will share it with the Board. President Norton would like to bring this matter up at the next Board meeting.

Director Leen asked the Chief to please extend his thanks to all staff members and their families for their service and support.

Chief Akre made mention of the upcoming Sonoma County Fire District Association meeting on October 22nd. President Norton is a candidate for Vice President. The meeting will be held via Zoom and the link can forward if needed.

14. Closed Session

None

15. Adjournment

M/S Norton/Leen with 6 ayes and 1 absent

This meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. to a regular Board meeting on November 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Meeting access will be determined based on COVID-19 restrictions in place at that time.

Copies of all staff reports and documents subject to disclosure that relate to any item of business referred to on the agenda are available at the following website at <http://svfra.org>

Respectfully submitted,

Maci Jerry