

NORWOOD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
P.O. BOX 411  
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MINUTES FROM THE JULY 21, 2021 BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING  
Audio Recording Available

I. Call to Order: 1907 hours. Virtual Meeting using Zoom.com

Present: Jim Wells (Pres.), John Metzger (VP/PIO), Paula Martinez (Secretary/Treasurer), Eric Brantingham (Board Member), John Bockrath (Dist. Chief), Matt Mogg (Chief Paramedic), Sonny Lopez (Dist. Admin.), Candy Meehan (Dist. Bookkeeper)

Online:

Absent: Dave Alexander (Board Member), Mark Garcia (Wildland Captain),

Others in Attendance: Carrie Andrew (Norwood Library), Ericka Busche (Norwood Parks and Rec Dist.), David Blunt (Asst. Fire Chief),

II. Minutes from June 2021 Regular Meeting

- A. Eric motioned to accept minutes. John M. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passes.

III. Treasurer's Report

A. Presentation and Approval of Disbursement

- a. Ivan Markovic (IT) being paid to start up equipment \$1,138,50
- b. Eric motions to approve bills. Paula 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passes

B. Monthly Budget Approval

- a. Sonny presented.
  - i. Candy email explanation of financials (2pgs)
  - ii. Unpaid bills detail as of July 21, 2021 (2 pgs)
  - iii. Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual Jan 1 – July 14, 2021 (pages 1-14)
  - iv. Balance sheet as of July 14, 2021 (1 pg)
  - v. Trial Balance as of July 14, 2021 (2 pgs)
  - vi. US Bank Credit card statements 05/26/21 – 06/23/21 (6 pgs)
  - vii. Payroll liability balances Jan thru July 14, 2021 (1 pg)
  - viii. Profit & Loss Jan 1-July 14, 2021 (4 pgs)

C. Blair & Assoc. reviewed budget and completed audit (11 pgs).

D. CD's have been moved into money market

E. Paula motioned to approve as explained. John M. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passes.

IV. Public Walk-in/Comments (Online Zoom) –

- A. Ericka Busche, Parks & Rec Director and Carrie Andrew, Norwood Library Director: Special Districts opposition of Initiative 27
- a. Ericka and Carrie inquired if NFPD, being a special district would join other special districts in opposing Initiative 27: A measure to reduce the residential property tax assessment rate from 7.15% to 6.5% and the non-residential property tax assessment rate from 29% to 26.4% with authorization to retain and spend 25 million per year for 5 years credited to homestead exemptions.
  - b. Initiative would impact income for special districts.
  - c. John Bockrath designated by Board to contact Stephannie Van Damme, County Clerk and Recorder's Office to pose an opposition question on the ballot.
  - d. Carrie provided ballot wording that her lawyers Seter & Vander Wall drew up (6 pgs)

V. Old Business

A. Pension committee update

- a. Doug Avery donating his pension back to the NFPD

B. Board member training opportunity

- a. Cancelled due to a family emergency

C. All Copy Products

- a. \$15,000 needed for new copy machines to replace old one

VI. New Business

A. None to report

VII. Wildland Captain's Report

A. Crew currently deployed on Morgan Creek Fire

B. Contract for contracted staff has been updated to include gear & equipment agreement

C. New hiring process

- a. More critical on who is hired

- b. Will consist of a panel: Chief Paramedic/Fire Chief/Asst. Fire Chief/Wildland Capt.
- D. Inventory of equipment needs to be improved
  - a. WASP is an inventory program: \$1,100 initial, \$600 every yr after that
- E. Question was posed: Should wildland/FD members pay back dept. for equipment that was specifically purchased for their use upon departure from the agency?
  - a. Matter will have to be looked into further

#### VIII. District Chief's Report

- A. Calls to service
  - a. None reported to the Board
- B. Grants:
  - a. Homeland Security Grant is being worked on
    - i. Need for acquiring more communication resources (up to \$40,000)
    - ii. Can get 6 refurbished Taits
  - b. SAFER grant on hold
    - i. Grant would pay for staffing
- C. Membership:
  - a. Candy completed updating the employee handbook
- D. Other Activities
  - a. John B. working with the county planning committee
  - b. Lots of new building permit inspections happening
  - c. John B. is working with Juvenile Diversion on a drug awareness program for the high school.
  - d. Explorers program still a go. 6 people interested.
  - e. Fire Mitigation program very successful with a lot of positive community response
  - f. John B. will be incident command for rodeo

#### IX. Announcements

- A. No announcements

#### X. Executive Meeting: Postponed

#### XI. Adjourn

- A. 2045 hours
- B. Paula motioned to adjourn. John M. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.