

CALEDONIA FIRE DISTRICT
July 10, 2019

MINUTES

Present: Fire Commissioners Jim Dutton, Don Cook Mark Schroeder, Mike Beavers and Ron Beach Jr.

Others Present: Secretary/Treasurer Sue Carson, Chief Jeff Ayers, Kevin Hammond, Chris Beach and Attorney Ray Di Raddo

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Dutton at 6:30 p.m. All present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Di Raddo arrived at 6:45 pm.

Motion #087-2019

Mr. Beavers made motion, seconded by Mr. Cook and all approved to accept the June meeting minutes with the following amendments:

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Bullet #4: Training date is Thursday, June 20.

Bullet #5 – Drill date is Sunday, not Friday.

Bullet # 7 – The NY hook is six feet

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Motion #080-2019 – The NY hook is six feet

Motion #081-2019 – Mike Knutowicz is a Captain.

Motion #088-2019

Mr. Beavers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beach and all approved Andrew Finch for active membership. Andrew had left the Department in April and due to the short period of time, it is not necessary for him to reapply for membership.

Chief Ayers' Report:

- Chief Ayers presented the following reports for June:
 - Fire Report
 - Truck Fuel Log

Motion #089-2019

- Mr. Beavers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beach and all approved the Fire Report for June.
- The Sensit gas meters are back. Two of these were repaired and recalibrated and are back in service. The last one will require approximately \$1,000 in repairs. The Board requested the replacement be reviewed during the 2020 budget process.

Motion #090-2019

- Mr. Beavers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beach and all approved the purchase of one set of extra -large gloves in an amount not to exceed \$140.
- The Chief is planning on meeting with Tom Harrington next week to go over the specifics for the pond on #116.
- Ray DiRaddo discussed the following topics related to the construction of the new fire hall:
 - If the land is purchased from the Fire Department, it may require a court order to allow the sale from a non- profit.
 - The land must also be zoned to permit the fire hall.
 - A mandatory referendum is required to open the 6e reserve fund prior to the land purchase. Holding the referendum first may help gauge the support of the community for the fire hall and save the District from owning a piece of property it can't build on. The reserve can be seeded from the existing 6g reserve funds.
 - The District's legal spending limit must also be kept in mind.
 - If a public bond is needed to finance the fire hall, a bond counsel may be required by the financial institution who is buying the debt. Additionally, the District may want to obtain financial or a bond advisors, along with architects, engineers and construction managers to ensure a relatively smooth process.
 - Mr. DiRaddo also advised to consider possible cost over runs and changes from the original plans that may drive up costs. Consider whether new furnishings will be needed.
 - Prior to buying any land, the District needs an appraisal.
 - Holding public informational meetings was also suggested.
 - Prevailing wages must be paid to comply with labor laws.
- Ray left the meeting at 8 pm.
- It was determined the siren was not operating due to the antenna being cut at the time the roof was replaced. A scanner can be used as a replacement.

Motion #091-2019

- Mr. Beavers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cook and all approved amending motion #049-2019 to reflect approval for the purchase of 7 helmet fronts by the Explorers.

Motion #092-2019

- A motion was made by Mr. Beach and seconded by Mr. Cook and all approved the J.W. Jones Hall fundraiser activities as listed below with all active fire fighters eligible to participate.

July

- 13 – Wedding - front room
- 19 – Rehearsal dinner – back room

- 20 – Graduation party – front room
- 27 – Reunion party – front room

Fire Commissioner’s Reports

- Mr. Beavers inquired if there was any update on the truck committee. The Chief noted not at this time but, a meeting is planned for the end of the month. He also noted that people are finding it difficult to serve on both the Long -Term Planning Committee and the Truck Committee. Mr. Dutton volunteered to be part of the truck committee.
- Mr. Dutton reported he and RJ Kantowski presented a fire prevention program to the vacation Bible School. A \$50 donation from Margaret Bubel was received.

Secretary Treasurer’s Report

- The District received a notice of denial of claim regarding Carl Crumley’s damage to his vehicle from Mumford.
- Ray DiRaddo provided the following opinions:
 - If members names will be displayed on the District’s website, a written release from them should be obtained.
 - Credit card payments can be made prior to meetings and subsequent authorization, in situations where late fees will be incurred. The receipts must be obtained, and the purchase was previously approved by the Board.

Motion #093-2019

- Mr. Cook made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beavers and all approved the Treasurer’s Report and payment of vouchers #95- 106 totaling \$10,016.05.

Motion #094-2019

- Mr. Beach made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beavers and all approved adjourning the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Carson
Secretary/ Treasurer