

LANDS END FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT MONTHLY

BOARD MEETING – November 24, 2020

At 7:00PM Chairman Eric Brown called the meeting to order. Chuck Nelson, Linda Weber, Kent Clinkingbeard and Wayne DeGesualdo were also present for the board.

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Eric Brown thanked everyone for saying the Pledge of Allegiance and he expressed appreciation to everyone from the public in attendance.

MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Eric Brown asked if everyone had a chance to read over the meeting minutes and if there were any corrections. Being none Linda Weber made a motion to approve the minutes. Wayne DeGesualdo seconded the motion. All in and favor motion carried.

SPECIAL REPORT

Bill Thompson, former Board Member with Lands End Fire, asked to speak and thank the members of the department for their care when his wife, Patricia, had fallen and broke her wrist and arm. He appreciated all they did. He also went on to state that when he was on the board, he had voted against Grand Junction Fire taking over the department. Now he is wondering about that decision as it seemed like to took a long time to get there. After Sam came, he said the others had to come from Clifton. Bill thought that wasn't right and we should look into something else. He also was very upset that they couldn't give her any pain medication. They finally rendezvoused with Grand Junction Fire at approximately 29 Road but by then she had her arms situated where she could tolerate the pain and didn't want to move them.

Eric Brown thanked Bill for his comments and said he also has had two different occasions where he was taken by ambulance. He feels we have a system in the County we can count on.

(This topic was discussed again later in the meeting)

OLD BUSINESS

East End- Wayne DeGesualdo reported that he had not heard anything from any of the parties. Sam Craven said he didn't think they were meeting right now due to Covid and if they did it would be by Zoom.

NEW BUSINESS

Oath of Office

Eric Brown swore in Kent Clinkingbeard as the newest board member replacing Jeff Prinster. The board is now complete again with five board members.

Treasurers Report

Linda Weber gave the up-to-date treasurers report. Everything is still in line with income and expenses. Not as much income will be coming in as budgeted as we did not get the grant monies in as expected. Expenses are going fine and Chief Lurvey is watching end year expenses accordingly.

Rich Phillips asked if we needed to do an amended budget this year and Linda Weber told him it wasn't necessary.

Chief's Report

November 2020 Chiefs Report

Personnel – No change

Vehicles- E-111 (waiting on Richard Rupp) and A-111 are still being worked on. A-111 was a transfer case and is under warranty. Linda Weber asked if someone could check and see why it is taking so long. Sam said he would check or Shawn Cox would check.

Auxiliary fund raiser – we have decided to not have the pictures with Santa at the station due to COVID-19 concerns. The Santa drive around the district is still a possibility.

Training – we have suspended training as of now until the County lifts the restrictions. Relying on Target Solutions for some on-line training.

Christmas party- we are unsure what to do about the Christmas party. It might be far enough out that we wait, or we come up with alternatives. Ideas were to give the members a gift card to GJ Downtown to spend at a restaurant of their choosing – having a get together at a later date. Need the board's input.

Were going to include the badge pinning ceremony during the party but now will wait until sometime next year.

October Calls:

17 calls – 8 EMS, 4 Fire, 4 cancelled and 1 alarm

October 2020 Incident Reports

Incident #	Date	Time 24hr	Call Type
165	4-Oct	19	Illegal Burn
166	5-Oct	9	EMS
167	5-Oct	16	EMS
			No incident
168	10-Oct	11	Found
169	11-Oct	9	EMS
170	14-Oct	16	EMS
171	16-Oct	18	Fire Alarm
172	20-Oct	7	Vehicle Fire
			Cancelled
173	20-Oct	10	enroute
174	22-Oct	12	MVA
175	22-Oct	18	Brush Fire
			No incident
176	23-Oct	15	Found
			Cancelled
177	25-Oct	15	enroute
178	25-Oct	19	MVA
179	30-Oct	20	EMS
180	30-Oct	23	Vehicle Fire
181	30-Oct	23	EMS

COMMENTS:

Eric Brown thought we should not have the party. Public perception should be considered as well as spread of the disease and needing to continue to provide safe service to the community.

Chuck Nelson and Linda Weber both thought we should cancel the party.

Wayne DeGesualdo thought we should combine a party next year and have a family gathering along with the badge pinning ceremony.

It was determined to cancel the Christmas Party and schedule something at a later date.

Other Issues Before the Board

MOTION by Linda Weber and seconded by Chuck Nelson to add Kent Clinkingbeard and Wayne DeGesualdo to our bank accounts and remove Kemitt White. Motion carried.

MOTION by Linda Weber and seconded by Wayne DeGesualdo to cancel the December 22nd board meeting. Motion carried.

Open to the Public

Jeff Prinster asked that the department notify the public of the new date in which the party and badge pinning would be.

Chuck Nelson wanted to expand on Bill Thompson's comments. Chuck explained that Sam came in his POV and then the ambulance came. It may have seemed like a long time to Bill and Patricia but actually it probably wasn't that long. However, not to interfere in operations but, for the record, the squad seems to be responding first to calls and by protocol the ambulance is supposed to be 1st. We are setting ourselves up for a lawsuit if we aren't careful. We need to take an ambulance to the call first.

Bill Thompson spoke then and said we should have a person there that can give pain medication. Sam Craven then explained the difference between the EMT and an EMT on ALS. He gave more details on about the call. The call came in as code 2. He arrived first, two people who lived in Clifton were responding with the ambulance and one had to wait for another to arrive before leaving with the ambulance. When they arrived, Sam had the patient ready for transport. Bill responded saying if her injuries would have been worse, he would have taken her himself to the hospital rather than wait and not have any medication for her. He questioned not having someone there with the ability for pain meds. What if her injuries turned out more serious, like she fell into a plate glass sliding door or something?

Eric Brown again thanked Bill for his comments. Eric said that most people know that when they move out to a rural area such as ours, they are taking a chance when their health is in jeopardy. Eric asked when our protocols were last addressed. He meant to bring a fireman's code of ethics with him. They are a good code to follow and never stray from. He also said we should follow protocols.

Linda Weber said she was having trouble with waiting for another person to get to the ambulance before it rolls. She wanted to know what the other board members thought of that.

Wayne DeGesualdo said he talked with Brian and understands the dangers involved in using POV's. It would also be hard to care for a patient and drive.

Wayne DeGesualdo said we should revisit our policy on how we respond. He said firefighter statistics show a huge number of firefighters are killed going to and from calls. He would like to see us move forward, when the budget allows, with getting 24/7 coverage.

Rich Phillips said going from volunteer to paid and back to volunteer the demographics change. We have a mind set that volunteers act like paid and we ask our volunteer to do more than they can. He also said the department should consider using guys like himself that can drive, can at least open the gate and get the door open for the vehicle

and it two people come up, then roll. Gateway Fire is using older people for just that scenario because they have to.

Jeff Prinster said, as a board member emeritus and now a member of the public, thank you to Kent for taking on this new position and serving the community. Jeff reminded the board, to error is human and to forgive divine. Need to develop a policy and derive the best solution under the circumstances.

Eric Brown was reminded of a time Stacy Olsen responded to his home in her POV and it was a great comfort at the time to his wife. It's important to get there fast and it important to address the protocols so we aren't liable.

Wayne DeGesualdo suggested a meeting with the Chief and his lieutenants to find a solution. Not everyone needs to be an EMT or firefighter, sometimes a first responder or a person like a member of the community. It's the boards' job to meet the needs of this community.

Eric proposed creating a committee to talk with the chief and his lieutenants to come up with a solution or plan that would meet the needs of the public and cover the department from any liability for wrong doing. **MOTION** by Eric Brown and seconded by Linda Weber to appoint Wayne DeGesualdo and Chuck Nelson to meet with the Chief and lieutenants to discuss a response protocol program. Motion Carried.

MOTION by Linda Weber and seconded by Wayne DeGesualdo to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Next Board Meeting is January 26, 2021.


Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Weber, Board Treasurer

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