**Meeting of the Board**

**In person and online**

**January 18, 2022**

Board President Bob Holland called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**Present:** Directors Steve Mercer, Don Richardson, Bob Holland, Larry Severance, Larry Swartz, Fire Chief Matt Peterson and Recording Secretary Bonnie Graham.

**Public Comments:** No public present.

**Approval of the December 21, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes:** The Board reviewed the minutes of the December 21, 2021 Board Meeting. Director Larry Swartz made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2021 Board minutes as presented. Director Steve Mercer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Bill Approval and Financial Review:** The Board reviewed the financial statements and district bills. Director Larry Severance made a motion to approve the financials and to pay the district bills. Director Don Richardson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Correspondence:** Chief Peterson told the Board that the district received an email for Kurt Perini asking about the primary election coming up asking if we were comfortable that the levy will pass, and if the levy didn’t pass what would happen. Chief Peterson replied to Mr. Perini that he is never comfortable when it comes to levy or bonds passing simply because of the unknown factors and variables involved. Of course having said that, I hope it does pass and we can continue to provide services, replace outdated or soon to be outdated equipment and upgrade our apparatus for our tax payers. Without it passing it will make a difficult time that much more difficult. While we haven’t taken anything off the table it would force us to reevaluate our response model, budget, training and operations to name a few.

Chief Peterson told the Board he received a thank you for the interview from KEZI news Jaewon Jung.

**Chief’s Report:** HR-2112 is finally in service and back from the shop after over 6 months. We are going to put it up for sale and my intent would be to put the sale of those funds into a future apparatus line item since we will need to look at replacing at least one if not both of our Fire Engines in the next 1-4 years. (E-2111 is a 2003 while E-2121 is a 2006.

Levy –information has been gathered from several Fire Districts and is being compiled. We posted some of the information on our website and Facebook page as mentioned at our last meeting. I encourage you all to take a look at it if you have some time. I will have a final draft written up if you would like to review it.

We held interviews for a second resident position and have selected a candidate that has already completed our Fire Academy and is currently enrolled in the EMT class. He will be moving in at the end of the month. The two other candidates will be reviewed for future possible openings.

As mentioned we are keeping a few rooms open for out of district volunteer/reserve firefighters to have a place to stay while pulling their shifts as well as the weekend staff.

The roof should be replaced next month as per the bid from River Roofing.

Director Larry Swartz told Chief Peterson that he did a good job with the interview and the letter on Facebook and the districts website. Director Larry Swartz asked Chief Peterson how much will he be asking for HR-2112. Chief Peterson told the Board he would like to get $40,000.00 to put towards future apparatus.

Chief Peterson explained to the Board that he will be using Every door Direct EDMS Ink to send out 2 sided 4”x 6” post cards to inform the taxpayers of the upcoming levy. Chief Peterson told the Board he got a quote of $1,036.94 to have them process, print and mail out the cards. The four categories he would like to address are Fire Calls, Rescue Calls, HazMat calls and EMS calls.

The district will be using social media to get information out to the districts patrons.

**Unfinished Business:** Levy May 2022; Director Larry Severance told the Board that he had asked people if the levy was $1.00 per thousand would you vote for it and most said no. Director Larry Severance doesn’t think the levy will pass and asked the Board to look at less than a $1.00. Director Larry Swartz told the Board to encourage the public to come to the Board Meetings. Director Larry Severance said he is looking out for the retired on limited income.

Chief Peterson told the Board that he is focused on Dexter Fire to continue to give the service we give.

Director Don Richardson told the Board that the district should have an open house to explain what we need. If we have to get the extra 50 cents, we have to do it. We need to go for it or cut staff.

2020-2021 Fiscal Year Audit; Director Larry Swartz said it look good. Some minor issues with the audit, those were resolved.

**New Business:** Face Masks; Chief Peterson explained that this just a reminder that we all have to wear our masks and stay 6 feet apart.

OFDDA; Chief Peterson asked what are the benefits of OFDDA; The district pays $625.00 for an annual membership and we do get 2% off our general liability insurance which is a savings of $294.74. Board President Bob Holland told the Board that OFDDA offers training for Board meetings, annual conference, it’s worthwhile to belong, and it also helps new Board Directors, and is educational for all directors.

HIPPA; Chief Peterson wanted to make it clear that we can’t tell you who or what is wrong with someone, we don’t take pictures of patients, but at car accidents we take pictures for training purposes. Next Thursday’s Drill night the will be a refresher on HIPPA and OSHA.

**Adjournment:** Director Don Richardson made a motion to adjourn at 8:19 p.m. Director Larry Severance seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Graham