

Pleasant Hill Goshen Fire & Rescue
Pleasant Hill Rural Fire Protection District
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Joint Board Meeting
August 10, 2021

Call to Order

The Joint Board Meeting was called to order at 6:39 p.m. by Fire Authority Board President, Willie Bronson.

Flag Salute

Attendance:

Pleasant Hill Board Members – At Station 501: Vice President Todd Anderson, Secretary/Treasurer Rhett Green, and Board Members Kevin Flory and Darrell Shoemaker.
Absent: President Terry McDiarmid

Goshen Board Members – At Station 501: President William Bronson, Vice President Rose Reinertson, Secretary/Treasurer Cameron Saxon, and Board Members Steve Lovely, and Tom McClellan.

Pleasant Hill Goshen Fire & Rescue Board Members – At Station 501: President William Bronson, Secretary/Treasurer Tom McClellan and Board Member Darrell Shoemaker. **Absent:** Vice President Terry McDiarmid.

Staff – Fire Chief Andrew Smith, Division Chief Matt Barnhart, Administrative Assistant Bonnie Graham, and Executive Assistant Haley Meshnik.

Welcome to Visitor: Bob Schutte.

Bob Schutte provided public comment to the board: GT Miller gave Bob some history of the Pleasant Hill fire station going back to 2010. Bob says the questions you are asking tonight are great questions and were asked back in 2010. This is a perfect time for us to be making these decisions. We are seeing the lowest interest rates we've ever seen in our life. Covid-19 funds spewing out of government organizations, and we are about to have infrastructure funds coming out of federal government. All these can be funding sources or partial funding for a project. But we have to have a project. For the 4 years he was on the board he tried to get the seed money and interest going for the funding of a new station. But he was always met with, "We have other things we need to do". Bob would like to ask that the board follows through with some of the things being discussed tonight. Bonding issue, annexations, citing issues are all very important. Get to the bottom of it and then go to the public when you sort it all out. He suggests that you have another work session at the Pleasant Hill Fire Station so that you can see firsthand what the issues are. There are a lot of engineer reports starting in 2010-2012 that he is aware of. Emergency management is really important. Bob believes what Eugene/Springfield Emergency Management has to say and he believes there is science behind it. Bob thinks it's not just fear factor.

He thinks we should do our best to prepare for it. He strongly suggests that, tonight, someone makes a motion for a specific date, time, and place to have another open public work session. So that people can come, listen, and participate. He says if there is no motion there is no action. Bob thinks everyone should be educated about the fire station, board and the public.

Chief Smith says he will find an old engineer report that says the Pleasant Hill Fire Station has no Seismic components. There was a suggestion that maybe you could tap into some grant funding for the seismic needs. Chief Smith says that the issue they face is that those fundings are to shore up the structure you have, not to bulldoze and start from scratch.

Board agrees that a meeting at the Pleasant Hill Station would be beneficial. Some of the public, especially newer residents see fire trucks outside that station and assume it's manned. Board discussed having a separate work session up there to educate the Board on the issues so that they can then know how to educate the public.

Correspondence:

- Nothing to report

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- a. **PLEASANT HILL Minutes of July 13, 2021, Regular Joint Board in Person/Zoom Meeting Minutes** - The minutes of the July 13, 2021, Regular Joint Board in Person/Zoom Meeting were reviewed. **Todd Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2021, Regular Joint Board in Person/Zoom Meeting. Kevin Flory seconded. Motion passed 4-0.**
- b. **GOSHEN Minutes of July 13, 2021, Regular Joint Board in Person/Zoom Meeting Minutes** - The minutes of the July 13, 2021, Regular Joint Board in Person/Zoom Meeting were reviewed. **Steve Lovely made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2021, Regular Joint Board in Person/Zoom Meeting. Cameron Saxon seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- c. **PLEASANT HILL GOSHEN FIRE & RESCUE Minutes of July 13, 2021, Regular Joint Board in Person/Zoom Meeting** - The minutes of the July 13, 2021, Regular Joint Board in Person/Zoom Meeting were reviewed. **Darrell Shoemaker made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2021, Regular Joint Board in Person/Zoom Meeting. Tom McClelland seconded. Motion passed 3-0.**

Review of Monthly Financial Reports

Chief Smith said he is happy to answer any questions on the check ledgers provided. He explained that they are not sent out in advance because they are fresh as of this afternoon. It's early in the conflagration season which means personal expenses will appear high before we see the reimbursements. We have had three conflagrations already and this morning sent Lt. Riley Moore to the Middlefork Fire. Some of these line items will change as we take in unanticipated funds like conflagration.

Pleasant Hill RFPD

****Transaction List & Financial Review.** The Board reviewed the financials and transaction list. **Darrell Shoemaker made a motion to approve the Pleasant Hill RFPD Financials and to pay the Pleasant Hill bills. Rhett Green seconded. Motion passed 4-0.**

Goshen RFPD

****Transaction List & Financial Review.** The Board reviewed the financials and transaction list. **Rose Reinertson made a motion to approve the Goshen Financials and to pay the Goshen bills. Tom McClellan seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

Fire Authority

Chief Smith says that we are monitoring the fuel prices. We purchase our gas from Pacific Pride. Todd Anderson asked if we have ever looked at MLP or others that are competitors? Chief Smith says Carson took over for Petrol card and they came to us because they are on a government contract. He says we really do see good fuel prices compared to what we see at the pump, but that swing is there.

****Transaction List & Financial Review.** The Board reviewed the financials and transaction list. **Tom McClellan made a motion to approve the Fire Authority Financials and to pay the fire authority bills. Darrell Shoemaker seconded. Motion passed 3-0.**

Staff Reports

Fire Chief's Report

**The Board reviewed the Fire Chief Report and further staff reports, which were attached as addendums and are available on file.*

Unfinished Business

- **Goshen Lot Line Quitclaim:** No new developments.

New Business

1. Any actions from the preceding Work Session

- a. Board discussed having a Work Session at the Pleasant Hill Fire Station
- b. Board Meetings cannot happen at Pleasant Hill Fire Station. It needs to happen at the Fire Authority headquarters. A Work Session at Pleasant Hill Fire Station is ok.
- c. As a consensus the Board wants to have a Work Session ahead of the normal joint Board meeting, to set up an outline of what we want to do at the Public Work Session at the station. The Board wants to make sure we have time to spread the word to the public and get the community to attend.
- d. As a consensus the Board plans to have a separate Work Session at the station, to give tours to the public.

- e. Discussion on how to reach the public. Mailers are really time intensive and expensive. Simple idea is to post it on social media. More cost effective and easier way to reach the community to spread the word via sharing the post.

2. Resolution

****Resolution 10-21.** The Board reviewed the resolution. **Todd Anderson made a motion to approve the resolution and change the budget. Darrell Shoemaker seconded. Motion passed 3-0.**

Chief Smith shared with the board that we are only 10 days into the month, and we have had over 40 calls, which use to be the normal monthly call volume. In 48-hours, we had 16 calls, ranging from one intense trauma in Pleasant Hill, to fire activity, not quite in our district, but we worked with ODF to assist. Call volumes in general and calls for motor vehicle accidents have increased. It's an absurd time for all of us and our personal are working really hard.

Willie Bronson adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Haley Meshnik
Recording Secretary