

# SONOMA VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.

### 1. Call to Order

President Norton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. via a zoom conference call.

### 2. Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum

Board of Directors: President William Norton, Vice President John (Matt) Atkinson, Treasurer Mark Johnson, Brian Brady, Raymond Brunton, Mark Emery, Terrence Leen.

### 3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Leen and recited by all.

### 4. Confirmation of Agenda

Rearranged agenda for Goranson and Associates, Inc.'s presentation to come before public comments and public hearing.

### 5. Comments from the Public

None

### 6. Public Hearing

Public hearing was opened at 6:11 p.m. to hear public comments regarding Prop 4 Limits as well as setting the Districts FY 21/22 special tax. The hearing was closed at 6:13 p.m., there were no members of the public present for the hearing.

### 7. Presentations

Blake from Goranson and Associates, Inc. presented the Glen Ellen Fire District's FY 19/20 audit to the Board. This will be the final audit for Glen Ellen with the consolidation of Valley of the Moon and Mayacamas.

### 8. Consent Calendar

Board reviewed and approved the special meeting minutes from the board meeting held on June 29, 2021. **M/S/P Johnson/Leen with 7 ayes**

### 9. Fire Chief's Monthly Report

Chief Akre gave his monthly report to the Board. A few key items from his report:

- Effective, June 27<sup>th</sup>, Captain Joe Pierson retired from the SVFD. His presence will the Department will be missed.
- Engine 3356 was delivered and now in services. This unit was purchased with minimal funds from the District, more than half the funding was donated by the Diamond A community, as well as \$75k from the Volunteer Association.
- Fire prevention study is continuing. Capt. Johnson is having tremendous success in the prevention office, completing over 500 property inspections. The office has also completed over 200 first inspections for the County VMI program, as well completed the Districts normal VMI for weed abatement issues.

- The fireworks show went off without a hitch and was well received by the community
- Our out of county assignments have begun. Water Tender 3392 returned from the Lava Fire last week. Engine 3361 and 3362 with utilities 3314 and 3342, were deployed to the River Fire early this morning.
- Peter VanFleet gave a brief update on Stn 5: Permit applications have been submitted and should be available soon. Still have the issue with Title 22, but is sure we can get through it.

#### 10. Old Business

- a) Director Brady motioned to approve the funding of a new Battalion 3 command vehicle in FY 21/22. **M/S/P Brady/Leen with 7 ayes**

#### 11. New Business

- a) Director Leen motioned to accept the FY 19/21 Glen Ellen Fire Protection District financial audit. **M/S/P Leen/Johnson, 7 ayes**
- b) Director Leen motioned to approve the fund balance allocation based on the Valley of the Moon FY 19/20 audit report. **M/S/P Leen/Norton, 7 ayes**
- c) Director Leen motioned to approve Resolution 2021/2022-01, accepting over \$98,000 in grant funding from County of Sonoma to implement the SVFD Curbside Chipper Program. **M/S/P Leen/Brady, 7 ayes**
- d) Director Norton motioned to approve Resolution 2021/2022-02, declaring the SVFD Proposition 4 limits for FY 21/22. **M/SP Norton/Brady, 7 ayes**
- e) Director Brunton motioned to set the SVFD's special tax at 85% of the maximum (\$200) with a 4.19% inflation rate to be levied on each parcel of real property in the SVFD during the FY 21/22. **M/S/P Brunton/Johnson, 7 ayes**
- f) Director Johnson motioned to approve the contract with Hi-Tech Fire Apparatus for the purchase of a new Type 3 fire engine to replace 3376 in the amount of \$463,209.62. **M/S/P Johnson/Brunton, 7 ayes**

#### 12. Other Business to come before the Board

LAFCO is awaiting the final results on the election standings, needing a quorum.

SCFDA meeting to remain hybrid with an in person meeting scheduled for October.

A discussion was initiated by Chief Akre in regards to resuming in person monthly board meetings. The Board was in agreeance to in person meetings with a hybrid option. It was then elected to hold the August meeting at the Al Mazza Fire Station, Station 1, 630 2<sup>nd</sup> Street West, Sonoma, CA 95476.

#### 13. Comments from the Floor

Clerk to the Board informed the Board of new 700 Form filing, due no later than July 26<sup>th</sup>. The Board was asked to forward their email notice to Maci so that the filings can be completed.

#### 14. Comments/Reports from the Board

Director Leen thanked the staff and volunteers for their efforts in producing a successful 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks event. He also extended his appreciation to Fire Marshal Smith for his

determination in applying for grant funding. It was echoed by all the Board members.

**15. Closed Session**

None

**16. Adjournment**

**M/S Leen/Emery with 7 ayes**

This meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m. to a regular Board meeting on, August 10, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., the meeting will be held in the training room at the Al Mazza Fire Station, Station 1, 630 2<sup>nd</sup> Street West, Sonoma, CA 95476 with a hybrid zoom option available.

*Copies of all staff reports and documents subject to disclosure that relate to any item of business referred to on the agenda are available at the following website at <http://svfra.org>*

Respectfully submitted,

Maci Jerry  
Clerk to the Board