

BEN LOMOND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board Meeting

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 9:00 AM Zoom Web Ben Lomond Firehouse, 9430 Hwy 9, Ben Lomond, California Telephone: 831-336-5495 Fax: 831-336-0300

Roll Call

Directors Present: Chairperson Director Hill, Director Maxson, Director Castagna Director Bingham

and Director Cady

Fire District Staff: Fire Chief Brownlee, Laurie Dennis, Mike Ayers, Nick Burgess

Absent:

Also Present: Jack Munsey

CALL TO ORDER REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Ben Lomond Fire Protection District was held on Wednesday, May 19, 2021, at the Ben Lomond Fire Station Via Zoom. Chairperson Hill called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION

Please observe a three-minute time limit

This is an opportunity for any member of the public to briefly address the District Board on any matter that does not appear on this agenda. Items that appear to warrant a lengthier presentation or Board deliberation will be considered for placement on the agenda for discussion at a future meeting. There will also be an opportunity to comment on action items, following Board discussion and before any action is taken. The Board asks anyone who speaks to state their name.

PUBLIC EXSPRESSION

DIRECTOR MATTERS/AGENDA AMENDMENTS

Directors may report on their activities and meetings.

Any changes to the agenda may be made at this time.

CHIEF'S REPORT

The Fire Chief will report on the district's business activities and operations.

COMMUNICATIONS – ISO- Board reviewed the letter. Director Bingham asked the question what this means that the rating went down. Chief explained that this is a good thing for homeowners' insurance. Director Bingham is wondering if we should notify property owners. Chief will call an insurance adjuster to see if this is beneficial. Mike Ayers letter- Mike wrote a letter to the Board explaining their roles as Board members. They talked about going to a Board work shop when available.

BOARD CALENDER EVENTS- Salary Survey/Chiefs review- Board was advised that they need to approve the salary survey. Board was emailed the salary survey and will review it. Chiefs review- no action.

COMMITTEE REPORTS- Director Maxson and Director Bingham -No Report

These items can be acted on in one consolidated motion or may be removed from the Consent Calendar and separately considered at the request of any person.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

- 1. Approval of Minutes April 21,2021
- 1.1 Regular Meeting of May 19,2021
- 2. Approval of Expenditures for May 19,2021
 - 1.1 Paid bills in the amount of \$63,604.08
 - 1.2 Paid Payroll in the amount of \$13,252.44

Approval of Consent Calendar Items

Motion was made by Director Castagna seconded by Director Bingham to approve all Consent Calendar items. Director Bingham wanted the Minutes to reflect that the out burst by Director Cady was before the meeting started and that this should not be in the minutes. Director Bingham was corrected by Director Hill that the out burst was during the meeting.

Ayes: Chairperson Hill, Director Maxson, and Director Castagna, Director Bingham, Director

Cady

Noes: None Abstain: None Absent None

OID BUSINESS

1. Upstairs-Tabled

- 2. Art Work Station-Chief explained again to Director Bingham that the art work that was on the walls is preserved in a water proof case. Also, all photos that were on the wall and in the case are scanned in and backed up so we will always have them. They are being displayed on a digital picture frame. Assistant Chief Ayers conducted a survey and asked FF if they want old or new pictures on the wall and all responded they preferred the new display.
- 3. Lettering on 2200- The Board asked the attorney if the Chief is required by law to have specific markings on the vehicle. Attorney Victoria Thompson's response was read and sent to all Board members. The district needs to follow the Calif. State vehicle code, which states that only one steady burning red light on vehicle is required. Director Bingham wanted Director Hill to call Attorney Thompson back and ask if this matter was operational, or could the Board tell the Chief she had to have certain markings. The attorney's response, after also verifying with Mr. Condotti, was that it was an operational decision. Director Bingham then made a motion to direct Chief to mark her vehicle. Director Cady seconded. Chairperson Hill asked for a vote.

Ayes: Director Bingham, Director Cady

Noes: Chairperson Hill, Director Maxson, and Director Castagna

Abstain: None Absent: None Motioned Failed

- 4. Recognition Dinner for FF- Board decided that they would let the Chief handle the dinner for FF during the regular held paynight. Then they talked about putting a letter together to thank all the business owners that helped during the CZU Fire.
- 5. CZU Fire Notification. Board was informed that Chief and Laurie have finished up with all the FEMA grant paperwork and been informed that the check is in the mail from the state.

New Business

Preliminary Budget 2021-2022- Board approved the 2021-2022 preliminary budget. With salary schedule revision to include cost of living increase at 2%.

Ayes: Chairperson Hill, Director Maxson, and Director Castagna, Director Bingham, Director Cady

Noes:

None

Abstain:

None

Absent

None

CLOSED SESSION

At any time during the regular meeting, the Board may adjourn to a closed session to consider land negotiations, litigation, and personnel matters or to discuss with legal counsel matter within the attorney-client privilege. Authority; Gov. Code Section Code §54956.8, 54956.9, and 54957:

INFORMATION/FUTURE MEETINGS

Items of a general nature that the staff wishes to bring to the attention of the Board, and any future agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regular Board Meeting - June 16,2021

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 AM

ATTEST:

Chairperson Hill

Stacie Brownlee, Secretary