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Special GGFPD board meeting - 2023 budget at the Grange Dec. 8th 2022 7pm Meeting Minutes by SRG

Role call - Dave Primmer, Chris Creech, Deb Curlee, Niffy Ovuworie, Steve Green & Chief Chris Enright

Addition to the agenda - vote on treasurer

Chris Creech accepted nomination for Treasurer

Discussion concerning Creech's knowledge of Treasurer job.

Steve asked about accountant Robin Smith's job with the financials since we have Vanessa with Quick books experience involved also. Steve will give contact info to Chris C. for Robin Smith so Chris can discuss with Robin Smith to find out what his part is?

Vote - unanimous in favor of Chris Creech for GGFPD treasurer.

2023 Budget Report and Hearing.

Dave Kinnard, Chris Enright and Steve Green (the budget committee) worked on proposed 2023 budget. Adjustments made across the board to increase line items in order to take into account inflation. The 2023 budget required approximately a \$20,000 shift from savings to balance the 2023 budget. The chief reminded us that \$20,000 in large part is to cover the potential purchase of a new fast response smaller 4wd vehicle for the FD.

A discussion ensued about station improvements, fiscal responsibility and safety.

Chief discussed the station #1 grant he stated we most likely would not be awarded at this time. More discussion on station #1 improvement and grant. Discussion about what amount of money and what improvements should be performed at Station #1. Audience and board and chief expressed different ideas for improvements at Station #1. Conversation by chief went on to discuss "shift work" / live-in FFs at station #1. Curlee discussed remodels and cost for Station #1. Many ideas discussed, popping top / raising the roof, redoing the bathroom, to basic maintenance. No conclusions reached. Steve suggested all board members go look at station #1 bathroom to understand better.

31:00

Community members asked specific questions about budget line items and received satisfactory answers from the budget committee and board. Discussion included Station #3 bathroom roof and maintenance needed. The board discussed safety in the district and the upcoming election as well as flexibility and the ability of the board to change budget in future if needed.

49:00 Terri Costeldia - Discussion of a “cistern fund” and if this fund exists? Chief states he has records that there was a total of a \$10,000 transferred from cistern fund to general fund.

50:00

Marith Reheis brought up a property she owns on Douglas Mountain Drive that she would like to get cistern installed on possibly by the fire district.

57:00 In response to an audience member comments about “new board members”

G. Vershuur reminded everyone in the room that two board members have considerable experience by having served on the board before and are not “new board members.”

58:00 Motion made to approve proposed 2023 budget.

Resolution to Adopt Budget - Approved unanimously and signed by Curlee and Green.

Niffy read entire Resolution to Adopt the 2023 budget into the record. An error was found in the resolution - an incorrect “Lake” was in place of the correct “Jefferson” for the listed county. Resolution was hand corrected and initialed by Curlee and Green.

Certification of Tax Levy for Non School Governments also signed by Curlee and Green setting mil levy at 9.016 for the total district assessed value of \$21,436,783

1:08

Certification of Budget also signed by Curlee and Green

1:11

Ballot Issue A - discussion of a revote

Steve is seeking board approval to go forward and consult with professionals - legal and DEO.

Board discussion ensued. Niffy and Chris both support this effort but want more details. Cost and timing needs to be determined. The desire is to piggy back this ballot initiative with the board member election in May 2023 in order to save money for the district. The chief found some of the deadline dates online and read them out loud. Discussion of election costs.

1:24

March 3rd was stated by the chief as a key ballot certification date.

Discussion about costs of an election continued by board.

1:30 Discussion by board to consult DEO about cost of election and Legal cost to review wording.

Discussion about what Ballot Issue A actually allows and if the board can raise taxes?

It was stated that Sheila Carlon’s attorney consultation earlier in 2022 found that the board can raise taxes.

1:33 Chief stated there are specific dates for designation of DEO at December or January board meeting.

Chris Creech asked - what if there is no need for an election for new board members? This is an unknown at this time.

Steve wants permission to begin discussions with Sue Blair and Micki the para legal.

It was agreed that Steve would send the existing **Ballot Issue A** from November 2018 to the para legal to review in order to get a cost estimate to rescind and also to discuss with DEO for cost to add to May 2023 election.

1:38 **Auxiliary discussed Awards Banquet** on first weekend in January 2023 - the 7th or 8th at approximately 5pm to 9pm. Date not firm yet. Location was discussed but has not been firmed up either. Niffy offered a facility he has at his disposal that might save some money for the auxiliary.

Next meeting at Station #2 on Dec. 15th 2022 7pm.

Discussion about continuing board meetings at the Grange especially now that the Grange has internet. No conclusion reached.

Dave Primmer stated he would not be at next meeting.

1:46:23 Meeting adjourned.