

HIGHLAND RESCUE TEAM AMBULANCE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA
Highland Station – 317 South Lookout Mountain Road
December 12, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: at 6:03

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Espy presiding, Pat Smith, Ed Daniels, and Robb Gair

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Wells, Deputy Chief Jones, Christina Shea, Barbara DeBoer, Lt Ed Westagaard

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The November minutes were approved.

Pat Smith requested we add an agenda item under new business- The proposed church expansion.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Written report presented by Christina Shea. Everyone is trying not to spend so we can come in under budget for the year. Total expenditures are expected to come in under the amended budget by \$1700.

Pat Smith– Do we have the updated numbers from the county?

Ms. Shea- Yes, our revenue number from the county came in at \$287,099

CHIEF'S REPORT : please see attached written report.

Billing Report- We billed a little over 18K last month. Business has picked up in December. November we only ran 25 calls.

Two Positive patient comments were received.

Station Update – We are finished with the new building. Because the budget is tight we are not going to finish the office until January.

Leadership Retreat – We talked about what it looked like going forward, particularly about where we are on revenue and expenses and the need to keep membership where it is now. We currently have 16 paramedics, 34 EMT's, and 6 first responders. First responders are District members only. We are down to 5 paid medical staff. We have cut orientation down to twice a year.

QRV is in service.

PCR's are now electronic. Everyone is being trained as they come on shift.

Generator installation is happening this week.

Ed Daniels– Wants to thank Chief Wells for a job well done on the building. “ It really looks great. “

OLD BUSINESS:

2012 Budget Resolution: Pat Smith moves that we adopt the budget resolution as written. Robb Gair seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion.

Ms Shea - The Board has been seeing these numbers for about 3 months now.

NEW BUSINESS:

Appointment of Designated Election Official: Chief Wells has volunteered.

Jim Espy moves that Chief Wells be our Designated Election Official. Pat Smith seconded it. All were in favor.

The Election is in May. There are 3 Board seats up for election. Nettie Calvi and Pat Smith are term limited, Jim Espy is not. Ed Daniels and Robb Gair both have 2 years left on their term

Approval of 2012 Meeting Schedule: The only problem may be the November 12, 2012 meeting. It falls on Veterans Day. Jim Espy - everyone works on that day anyway. Ed Daniels thinks we should move it. Robb Gair agrees. It is agreed we move The November meeting to Tuesday the 13th.

Robb Gair feels if we have a meeting somewhere other than here we should have it in Idledale rather than Genesee because Idledale is so remote and it is a nice to hold a meeting there.
Pat Smith – We could meet either in the lobby of the post office or the church.
Chief Wells is letting new EMT Foothills firefighters have access to AED's in Idledale
Ed Daniels really likes working closely with the fire department over in Idledale. It is agreed that we should hold one Board meeting in Idledale – probably at the church.

Rumors- Jim Espy has received two phone calls from community members saying they had heard that the mill levy was going up. He assured them that as far as he was concerned, that would not happen. During the conversation, it became clear that those rumors had initiated here at Highland from members. There was also some discussion about us having granite counter tops in the kitchen when community members don't have them. They also questioned him about the QRV and why he changed his vote. They were not happy about that. It got him thinking that when members talk about policy, if there are community members around, maybe they should be careful about what they say. The members need to understand where the Board stands and the fact that the Board does not supporting a mill increase. Jim is going on the record stating that he will not support a mill levy increase.

Chief Wells – No one in a leadership position here at Highland has said that we will ask or support a mill levy increase. We are set up for the long haul here to manage with the revenue we have. The only person who has ever suggested a mill increase is a member of the media who has suggested the community would approve one.

The granite counter tops were paid for by members, not by the District.

Ed Daniels – we have internal communication through the broadcast. We have external communication through the Highlander and the Website. Is it possible that some of the members other than the leadership group don't fully understand this issue?

Chief Wells – We will include it in the Broadcast this week and for several weeks going forward.

Ed Daniels– It is important to include the details about the value of the volunteerism here at Highland Rescue.

Chief Wells – We are saving well over \$100,000 in personnel costs. He will break out the numbers.

Ed Daniels- I Would not want to give the message that it will always be 2 mills because sometime in the future it may be necessary to increase it.

Chief Wells – The volunteer leadership here is committed to not raising the mill levy . We will be getting the Highlander out earlier next year in the spring and we will address this issue in it.

Robb Gair thinks that would make a good article for the Highlander. It would also be smart to advertise the open Board positions

Ed – There has only been 2 complaints. He feels this should be a positive message we deliver to the community.

Board Roles:

We need to elect a Board President tonight for all the District Filings.

Pat Smith is willing to fill that position. He feels that the church issue needs to be more on the radar. He was very angry with the way it was handled. It basically pitted Highland against Foothills. It may not have required another Board meeting but another letter from Ray clarifying our position about traffic would have been beneficial. The planning and zoning committee is not recognizing that this is a big deal. The church is saying if it is not a big deal for Highland why it is a big deal for Foothills.

Ed Daniels- We should not allow someone to drive a wedge between Highland and the Foothills Fire Department.

Chief Wells – The traffic engineer claimed we are only increasing the traffic by 1000 a day, but the problem is it is all in a 2 hour period. He still has the letter and will send it if the Board directs him to do it.

Pat Smith- if it was his decision to make he would say send the letter. The President of the Board is in a position to oversee this. Would Robb Gair like to be president?

Robb Gair – He would be happy to fill that position again. He feels that since Pat Smith is President of the Foothills Fire Department Board there may be a conflict there.

Pat Smith just wants to make sure whoever has that role realizes that the Church Expansion is a big issue and it is not going away.

Robb Gair feels we have done an adequate job on this matter.

Pat Smith moves that Robb Gair be president of the Board, Ed Daniels seconded it. All voted in favor.

Chief Wells – There is a community meeting on the 14th. Do you want me to attend?

Pat Smith – He will be there, but does not plan on saying much. We need to have someone there to gather information and hear what is going on.

Chief Wells– When is the next time the county is considering this?

Pat Smith is not sure what their action will be. There is a meeting in Jan or Feb for a hearing to be in front of the commissioner.

Jim Espy will be at the meeting December 14th.

Chief Wells will be there in uniform to represent Highland. If we would have an emergency on the north side of the church during church hours, it could be a definite problem.

Jim Espy - What about the backup it will cause on I70?

Chief Wells -We have problems on I70 now during ski season, but what we don't experience is trying to move from one side of the district to the other on a road that has no shoulder.

Robb Gair– The chief has redrafted the letter, let's get that to the planning committee .

Ed Daniels – Let's also have the Chief make a follow up call to clarify our position if needed.

Robb Gair – I plan on attending the meeting. Have we been invited to this meeting?

Chief Wells – absolutely, several times.

Pat Smith makes a motion for a second clarifying letter and follow up phone call to be made to the Jefferson County planning committee. Ed Daniels seconds it. All voted in favor.

There was confusion about where and when HRT Board Meeting times and agendas are required to be posted.

Pat Smith moves that the addresses where the Board meetings should be posted should be printed on the meeting schedule. Ed Daniels seconded it, all were in favor.

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THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:12

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