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MINUTES OF SPECIAL FIRE/RESCUE BUDGET WORK MEETING

MARCH 1, 2017

The special work meeting for the budgets for fire/rescue for 2017-18 was called to order by Supervisor Banker at 11:15 a.m. Pledge was said by all

Roll call: Banker, Havens, Rosenberg, Knight and Dixon. Also present:
Fire Chief Laskowski, Asst. Chief Redmond, Fire Secretary Pincumbe.

Discussion on the Rescue Budget:

It was noted that the rescue fund is quite a bit under budget with only one month yet in fiscal year..

All agreed that the Fire/Rescue staff budget their money very wisely.

The chief recommended that we keep all figures the same.

Discussion on Fire Budget: The fund balance for the Fire Fund is very healthy.

The Board all agreed that the four staff of the Fire Dept. should have a cost of living raise. The chief and the asst. chief were very reluctant to accept. Much

Discussion regarding this. The Board fully agreed these people deserve a raise. Discussion tabled.

Discussion about fire runs. The Board all agreed that \$25 or \$35 per run is not enough when the firefighters are out working over 2 hours.

After much discussion the Board agreed that fire runs will be paid according to hours out on call. For every two hour block of time spent is considered a run.

For example if they are out 4 hours on a fire run, the run pay will be \$50.00

Building structure fires are \$35 so that run pay for 4 hours would be \$70.00

Beth Redmond, Asst. Chief, will calculate it out and submit to the clerk. All agreed.

Reconsideration of the wage issue.

They consulted with each other and finally accepted the raises offered:

Fire Chief raised to \$10,080; Asst. Chief \$5,160; Fire Maintenance \$2,640 and Fire Secretary \$1,320. Motion by Dixon to approve the raises in fire staff

salaries. Support by Havens. Roll call: Yeas: Banker, Havens, Knight, Dixon and Rosenberg. Nays: None Motion carried.

Minor changes on the rest of the budget.

The Fire Chief told the Board they would like to replace the 6x6 2004 polaris atv. They would like to use \$20,000 of the extra tanker money from selling the old tanker; the Fire Fighter Assn. would donate \$5,000 and the sports store will give a \$5,000 trade-in.

Discussion about the advantages of a new vehicle of this type.

Some discussion about trade in versus doing a sealed bid sale. Nothing decided for sure. Fire Chief will check into more.

The Board all agreed to the plan for the \$20,000 use of funds from extra tanker money for the purchase. The Clerk said we need to include it in the budget on a separate line item of revenue adding \$20,000. And expenditure of \$20,000 for new equipment. All agreed to approve and present in the new budget.

Public Input: None.

Motion by Havens to adjourn, 1:30 pm.

Support by Banker. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by Clerk 3/3/17.