

# Sublimity Fire District Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Wednesday, December 17, 2008

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**Meeting called to order:** by Ralph Fisher at 7:00 p.m.

**Members present:** Rick Kauffman, Gary Rychard, Ralph Fisher, Jeff Kropf, Jim Heater

**Staff present:** Chief Brandon Hamilton

**Others present:** None

**Additions/Deletions to Agenda:** None

**Citizen Comments:** None

**Firefighters Association Input:** None

**Reading of Minutes:**

**MOTION:** Gary Rychard moved to approve the minutes for November 12, 2008 with a correction in the date. Jeff Kropf seconded. Motion passed; a voice vote was unanimous. Jim Heater abstained from voting because he was not present at November's meeting.

**Communications:** There was a letter to state legislators and representatives relating to the proposed reduction in 911 tax revenues. The letter was written by Nora Schliske, Chair of the Santiam Communications Council. There lengthy discussion regarding this issue and the State's budget.

-There was a letter to the city council written by Chief Hamilton regarding ordinance violations at 519 S. Center Street. The board said it was a well-written letter and appreciated that the chief was taking a proactive approach.

**Payment of Bills:** The board reviewed bills and payments for the month of November. There was discussion regarding payment of utilities. Gary inquired about the lost pagers bill and wanted to know if the district was able to recover any of the costs.

**MOTION:** Jim Heater moved to pay the bills for November as presented. Jeff Kropf seconded. Motion passed; a voice vote was unanimous.

**Chief's Report:**

Alarms: Chief Hamilton reviewed alarms for the board. Alarm totals have dropped since this time in 2007.

-There was discussion regarding the length of time in receiving the state fire marshal's report for the Victor Point Road fire. The board was assured there would be a printed year-end fire report in January.

**Old Business:** Chief Hamilton discussed the upcoming annual awards banquet. He mentioned possible locations, including Maurice's Bistro, which Marian Estates has agreed to donate the use of to the fire district.

**New Business:**

Resolution 08-03: This is a resolution to adopt NIMS as our incident management system. Jeff Kropf asked if this meant allowed the feds to come in and manipulate or control how we operate. The chief assured Jeff that that was not the case. The

passing of this resolution is just a formality to ensure that we are able to continue to get grant funding.

**MOTION:** Gary Rychard moved to approve Resolution 08-03 as presented. Rick Kauffman seconded. Motion passed; a voice vote was unanimous.

Neil R. McDonald foundation grant request: The board was provided a copy of the letter sent to the foundation requesting funds for new voice-activated pagers. Rick Kauffman asked if there would be any match monies required if the grant request was approved. The chief explained that it was a charitable organization and there would be no match monies.

MCIC: Marion County Interoperability Council. Chief Hamilton discussed the history of the MCIC and what had been done by this group. He also discussed the federal mandates for narrow band compliance and interoperability. The group has been researching ways to become a formal organization for funding and grant purposes. The recommendation at this point has been to look at the feasibility of an ORS 190 organization. The chief requested a motion from the board to proceed with looking at the feasibility. There will be no money out of pocket for the district, and at any time, the district can withdraw from the process.

-Jeff Kropf asked several questions regarding funding and how the council planned on being funded. He felt that, at some point in time, because of the State budget deficit, the individual organizations involved in the 190 organization would be responsible for some of the funding needs. He expressed concern about this.

-Jim Heater felt that if there was no money out of the district's pocket at this time, then there was no problem in exploring the option.

-There was general discussion regarding the need for a motion. Gary felt that a motion was not needed and a consensus would be sufficient. The board concurred. There was a consensus to move forward at this point.

-Jim asked about the status of the Sisters repeater at the top of the Santiam Pass.

-Chief Hamilton explained that they are waiting on frequency crystals, so they can program the repeater and run a test.

### **Good of the Order:**

Gift of Christmas Dinner Baskets: Chief Hamilton reminded the board that baskets would be delivered on the 18<sup>th</sup> and encouraged their participation.

Holiday Events Re-cap: Chief Hamilton discussed all of the recent holiday events and their great successes. The board expressed its appreciation for his good work.

### **Adjourn:**

**MOTION:** Gary Rychard moved to adjourn the meeting. Jeff Kropf seconded. Motion passed; unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted by Amy Doran

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Approved by Ralph Fisher