



SCOTTS VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF THE SCOTTS VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING OF August 9, 2023

1. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Scotts Valley Fire Protection District (SVFPD) was held on Wednesday, August 9, 2023 at the City of Scotts Valley Council Chambers. President Pisciotta called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

President Pisciotta called for the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence to follow.

1.2 Roll Call

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| A. Directors Present: | Directors Cosner, Hurst, Parker, Patterson and Pisciotta |
| B. Directors Absent: | None |
| C. Fire District Staff: | Chief Correia, Battalion Chief LoFranco and Administrative Services Manager Walton |

2. Special Presentations and Introductions

2.1 Badge Pinning – Engineer Patrick Shaughnessy

Chief Correia thanked everyone for coming for the badge pinning of Patrick Shaughnessy. The Fire service is deep in many traditions and the badge pinning is significant mark in a person's career, which is why we like to celebrate the event in a public meeting. Historically the pinning of the badge is a modern symbol for the introduction to the fire department or promotion to a new rank but the symbol on the badge dates back to the 11th century. Chief Correia discussed the origin of the Maltese Cross. Tonight, we recognize Patrick Shaughnessy for completing his second year or trail period. Patrick Shaughnessy was born in Scotts Valley, attended Vine Hill Elementary School, Scotts Valley Middle School and graduated from Scotts Valley High School. After high school, Patrick attended San Francisco State University and graduated with a Bachelors Degree in Business. Patrick joined the SVFPD as Volunteer on January 13, 2019, was promoted to a Paid Call Firefighter (PCF) on June 26, 2019 and hired as a full-time career Firefighter on May 17, 2021. Patrick worked as a PCF and EMT while attending paramedic training before being hired. Recently Patrick completed his two-year training plan and received his Engineer credential. Tonight, we will be pinning his badge to recognize this accomplishment. Patrick's performance according to his peers, was remarkable during his probation period going above and beyond what was expected. In addition to his fire department family, Patrick is joined tonight by his parents, sister and fiancé Kaila pinning his badge. Chief Correia congratulated Patrick and Kaila pinned his Engineer badge.

3. Public Comment (GC §54954.3)

Becky Steinbruner stated that she is a leader of a Fire Wise community in the Aptos Hills and a new Living with Fire guide is available. This is a valuable resource and is available on the Santa Cruz County website.

4. Agenda Amendments (GC §54954.2) – Discussion/Action

None

5. Consent Calendar

5.1 Minutes: Approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 12, 2023

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- 5.2 Approve SVFPD Claims Disbursements for the Month of July 1, 2023 through July 31, 2023 in the Amount of:

<u>Payroll and Benefits:</u>	\$1,889,215.68*
<u>General Fund:</u>	\$ 84,376.42
<u>Capital Outlay:</u>	\$ 5,367.50
<u>SCHMIT:</u>	\$ 4,042.00
<u>TOTAL:</u>	\$1,983,001.60

- 5.3 Adopt Revised Publicly Available Pay Schedule per Government Code §20636

** Includes CalPERS unfunded actuarial liability (UAL) lump-sum prepayment \$988,365 Board approved 6/14/2023 to be paid after 7/1/2023*

On motion of Director Parker seconded by Director Cosner to Approve the Consent Calendar Items 5.1, 5.2 and 5.3 was approved by the following vote:

AYES:	Cosner, Hurst, Parker, Patterson and Pisciotta
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

6. Discussion Items

6.1 Branciforte (BFPD) Annexation Update

Chief Correia reported that on July 20th, he attended the BFPD monthly meeting and they counted the ballots for their benefit assessment, which failed (87% voting against). On July 28th, the SVFPD was invited to a meeting with Congressman Panetta, which I did not attend but Director Patterson did. On August 2nd, LAFCO held the public hearing and approved Resolution 2023-17 to approve the reorganization of the BFPD and SVFPD. I attended the meeting and in addition to Director Patterson and BFPD staff, there were two other people in the audience. One person spoke regarding the Measure T Funds but in the end, the LAFCO Board unanimously approved the reorganization. Staff is working on creating a list of items that need to happen between now and when the reorganization is finalized. August 15th will be the next LAFCO Ad Hoc meeting to discuss the next steps in the process including the protest period.

Becky Steinbruner stated that she spoke to the SVFPD Board in June regarding the reorganization plan for service with the BFPD. At that time, I asked the SVFPD Board to consider transiting to district-based board elections and make that amendment in the plan for service, which was not done. I made the same request to the BFPD Board and LAFCO, which was not done as well. Becky Steinbruner explained that she does not live in either District but was concerned that the BFPD residents would not have a voice if district-based elections were not required. Becky Steinbruner stated that the Resolution signed by LAFCO states as not to cause conflict with the California Voting Rights Act, the SVFPD Board may consider district-based board elections but that was too vague for the public. Becky stated that she is putting the SVFPD Board on notice and plans on submitting a petition to reconsider with LAFCO and may need to take legal action. Becky Steinbruner provided the Board with correspondence documents.

7. Action Items – Discussion/Action

7.1 Scheduled Public Hearing for the SVFPD Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2023/2024:

<u>685010 General Fund:</u>	\$13,173,203
<u>685030 Capital Outlay Zone A:</u>	\$ 1,529,862
<u>685040 SCHMIT:</u>	\$ 524,061

Chief Correia stated that the memo in the packet lists the changes between the preliminary and final budget.

President Pisciotta reported that he and Director Hurst met with Chief Correia and reviewed the final budget and discussed the changes.

Chief Correia stated that the preliminary was moved over to the final budget with the following changes:

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- The property tax revenue was adjusted to align with the actual review received.
- Additional revenue in the amount of \$543,938 was received including \$498,601 in onetime unanticipated revenue distributed from redevelopment agency (RDA) funds and used to accommodate additions on the expense side.
- On the expense side, salaries remained equivalent to the preliminary budget with a 3% increase based on the contractual obligations.
- There was a slight increase to radio services in the amount of \$669. For equipment, funds were added for Video Laryngoscopes.
- Additional funds were added for strategic planning in 2024 and Firefighter mental health and wellness.
- For the Capital Outlay fund, a new stove for the Erba Station was added and if the Bond Measure is approved, the new stove will be moved to the La Madrona Station. Funds in the amount of \$25,000 were added for a fire gear extractor for the Glenwood Station.
- The biggest change in the Capital Outlay Fund was removing the \$1 million transfer from the general fund for the La Madrona Fire Station. Keeping the funds budgeted in the same account for the same purpose in the general fund, will eliminate the need to borrow money from the county before the property taxes are received.

7.2 Receive Public Comment and Adopt Resolution 2023-8: Resolution Adopting Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2023/2024

At 6:19 p.m. President Pisciotta opened the public hearing and with no public comment, the public hearing was closed.

On motion of Director Hurst seconded by Director Cosner to *Accept Public Hearing Action Item 7.1 and 7.2* was approved by the following vote:

AYES:	Cosner, Hurst, Parker, Patterson and Pisciotta
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

8. **Board of Directors and Administrative Reports – Information/Discussion**
(No action will be taken on any questions raised by the Board at this time.)

8.1 Board of Directors Report – Directors

President Pisciotta stated that the Finance and Planning Committee (Chief Correia, Director Hurst and President Pisciotta) met to review the final budget.

Director Patterson stated that he attended the Zoom Meeting with Congressman Panetta to discuss the BFPD reorganization and if there were any funds available, which their office will look into. Director Patterson also inquired about Santa Cruz County Radio issues and if there was any grant fund available, which their office will look into as well.

Director Patterson reported that the Building Ad Hoc Committee met to discuss public relations, the meeting went well and the committee will be meeting again shortly.

Director Patterson stated that he attended the LAFCO meeting with Chief Correia and that the LAFCO Board voted fully in favor of the reorganization.

8.2 Administrative Report – Chief Officers

Chief Correia stated that the Administrative Report was included in the board packet and he wanted to focus on the La Madrona Fire Station Ballot Measure effort. It was great to see a few Board Members at the National Night Out event and for the rest of the Board, it really helps with the efforts if you have a chance to get out in the public. This will be a full SVFPD effort, staff is doing everything possible to move this forward and we

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are off to a great start. The feedback from the community is positive and we do have more things we will be focusing on moving forward with social media and community outreach.

Chief LoFranco reported that the crews were invited by Jacob's Heart to Mission Springs for a public event for a fire engine demo and to spray water, which was a great event and thanked the crews for participating.

9. Correspondence

9.1 Email Dated 7/30/2023 from Becky Steinbruner

The Board received and filed the correspondence.

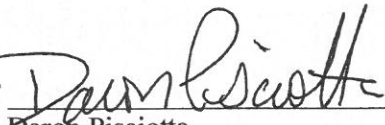
10. Request for Future Agenda Items


None

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

ATTEST


Daron Pisciotta
Board President


Mark Correia
Board Secretary