



OCEAN PINES ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, February 4, 2015
4:00 P.M., BOARD ROOM

PRESENT: Directors Dave Stevens, Tom Terry, Sharyn O'Hare, Marty Clarke, Bill Cordwell and Pat Renaud, and General Manager Bob Thompson and Teresa Travatello. (Director Jack Collins was absent) Dan Healy and Billy Bounds represented the Ocean Pines Fire Department. Also present were 8 Association members and 3 members of the Press.

CALL TO ORDER

President Dave Stevens called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There was no agenda. The meeting purpose was to review and discuss the Ocean Pines Fire Department's 2015-2016 budget requests.

DISCUSSION

Dave Stevens - The request is over \$200,000 last year. You are expecting expenses to go up and revenues to go down. Please tell us why.

Bill Bounds - The increase in our budget requests is primarily in salaries. We need more staff to accommodate our calls. Besides providing the community the best service, we must also provide standards to our crews and having shortage on our staffing is not safe. Over the years we have tried to make adjustments for the extra person, the 3rd person. The reason for the additional funding request is primarily due to staffing the second ambulance that we would need if we get a call when we are on a call. Our goal is to be on the scene in 4 minutes or less and 90% of the time we are doing this. It's the second call that is not making that time. This is why we are requesting 3 full-time employees year-round. A few years ago we hired a full-time person just for the peak season and would then scale them back but it is our intent to have 3 people 365 days. Now we are requesting to have 2 crews of 3 full-time, 2 shifts with the part-time staff. For 2015-2016 that would be 13.3 which would equal a 3 person per shift 7 x a day

Bill Cordwell - How many 2nd calls did we get last year and how many did we miss?

Bill Bounds -32% and less than 1 out of 4 for this FY we are in. Last year it was 24%. EMS call volume was 1,288 and 1139 so far this year so obviously it will be higher since we have 4 months left. 254 fire calls.

Sharyn O'Hare -What if you don't have that 3rd person?

Bill Bounds - One of the part-time will fill in or another facility has to help and we accept what insurance doesn't pay other facilities may not.

Sharyn O'Hare - How many did not transfer?

Bill Bounds – 38% last year and this year its 32% so far with 4 months left.

Tom Terry – Revenues are down by 84,000 in Fire & Ems.

Bill Bounds- Ems numbers are down for the County. We get so much from the County for the ambulance per full-time person.

Sharyn O'Hare - What percentage of calls are outside our gates?

Bill Bounds- Calls outside of Ocean Pines are under 10 %. Our boundaries are normally Beauchamp Road to Gum point Road

Marty Clarke- I see a 36% increase in payroll.

Bill Bounds-This is attributed to when people use sick leave and we have to fill that position so essentially we are paying for that shift twice.

Sharyn O'Hare-Would this increase be in next year also or should this satisfy your needs?

Bill Bounds –Yes it should, however, we will have to recoup some of the things we had to forego.

Dan Healy-Our ultimate goal is to provide the best service in the County.

Dave Stevens-Asked if there were any other questions from the Board, the audience or the Press. With none being asked, he said he would like to take each line item from the last 2 years and show the difference.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned unanimously at 5:25pm

Respectfully Submitted MB/tt