

Haines Borough Fire Service Area #1 Board
October 26th, 2012
APPROVED

On Friday, October 26, 2012, at 7:00pm, the Haines Borough Fire Service Area #1 Board met in the Haines Borough Assembly Chambers. This was the first meeting of the board in some time. Alan Heinrich, Richard Buck and J.R. Myers were present, and constituting a quorum, the board proceeded. For this meeting only, it was agreed by all that Alan would act as Chair, Richard would act as Vice-Chair, and J.R. would act as Secretary.

The first order of business was brought forth by Alan. He wanted to recruit to fill the remaining board seat. There was a discussion of potential candidates. It was decided that asking around, word of mouth, would be the most effective means of recruiting another board member. A complete board would make it easier for a quorum and for voting, it was noted. We all agreed to ask potential candidates prior to our next meeting, in the hopes of having a full board by then.

The second order of business was a request by Irene Alexakos, dated 9/26/2012, requesting a Differential Tax Rate Reduction per 7.08.040 D.2., for 2013 for her property at Rustabach Lake. There was a discussion about advertising the tax rate reduction so that more property owners were aware of it and might take advantage of it. Also, It was questioned whether or not the requests needed to be made annually. It was decided, upon reading the statute, that they do. It was discussed that perhaps the board should propose a new Differential Tax Reduction method based on insurance rating zones of coverage, rather than physical response time to a property. Which areas would be affected? What might be the financial cost to the borough? Alan states he will look into this further. Also, online applications were mentioned.

Richard moves to approve Differential Tax Reduction request. Alan seconded. All three in favor. Differential Tax Reduction is approved.

Richard spoke regarding a request by Al's assistant in Skagway regarding a request for overtime. There was a brief discussion. She is training for a Fireman II rating, and has been putting in many hours. What is the personnel policy? Alan will inquire further into the details.

Richard mentions that he may be travelling to AZ, CA. He doesn't know when.

Alan plans on being gone between 01/07-03/08/13. He may go to Dallas and other points south.

Other items for consideration:

Alan would like to see the fire department budget for review prior to submission to the Borough Assembly. There is general agreement on this.

Alan thinks a sinking fund for new equipment should be set up.

Alan asks about the costs of the dispatchers. How many calls come in for fire, and what percentage are we paying for the dispatchers versus police and ambulance?

What is the relationship with medical and fire?

What is the status of our Mutual Aid agreements with Klukwan, Klahini and the Forest Service?

What is the condition of the public safety building?

Richard mentioned the surplus equipment now being stored at the Lutac fire building, Rescue 1.

Next Meeting was set for Friday, November 30, 2012 at 7:00pm, at the Borough Assembly Chamber.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55pm.