

**Pleasant Hill Goshen Fire & Rescue**  
**Pleasant Hill Rural Fire Protection District**  
**Goshen Rural Fire Protection District**  
**Joint Board Work Session/Zoom Meeting**  
**June 13, 2023**

**Call to Order**

The hybrid Joint Board Work Session was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Fire Authority Board President, Willie Bronson.

**Attendance:**

**Pleasant Hill Board Members:** President Todd Anderson, Vice President Kevin Flory, Secretary/Treasurer Darrell Shoemaker, and Board Member Paul Filson.

**Goshen Board Members:** President Willie Bronson, Vice President Tom McClellan, Secretary/Treasurer Rose Reinertson, and Board Member Terry McDiarmid.

**Pleasant Hill Goshen Fire & Rescue Board Members:** President Willie Bronson, Vice President Todd Anderson, Secretary/Treasurer Rose Reinertson, and Board Member Kevin Flory.

**Staff:** Fire Chief Andrew Smith & Executive Assistant Haley Meshnik.

**Guests:** - Matt Brown

**Project Updates from Working Committees**

**Finance Committee Update:**

Chief Smith provided an update. The Committee met and since, Chief Smith received an update from Dave Ulbricht. Chief will forward information to the finance committee this week. Chief said by July there will be more to update. No additional questions.

**Strategy/Communication Committee Update:**

Haley Meshnik shared with the boards that the final draft of the Summer 2023 Newsletter is ready for their review. She described the estimated cost and explained it is on target to hit mailboxes June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Chief Smith added that this newsletter is in place of the previous idea to have a June Townhall meeting. It was decided to mail out an informative newsletter with a save the date for a Fall Townhall meeting. Chief Smith added that we have used approximately \$15K

of the approved funds for Funk/Levis services. They diligently worked with Lane County and our pending documents. Anne Marie and Karen have sent our documents to the Secretary of State for review to get a Safe Harbor approval.

Chief Smith added that in the July Board meeting, the resolution for dissolution of Pleasant Hill Fire District and Goshen Fire District will be reviewed and adopted. This is a formality in the process, to allow the measure of dissolution to be on the ballot.

Terry McDiarmid added that the public hearing with the commissioners went well. They were all in support of what we are doing. He added that there is one more hearing in July and they described it as just a formality.

#### **Fire Station Design Committee Update:**

Chief Smith shared that we completed Phase 1: The Conceptual Phase with FFA Architecture and Interiors. He added that we have a floor plan that we love and fits the community. Chief explained that in our Fire Station Design research we learned about the benefits and efficiencies of design builds and a local company called Ausland Group. Their Special Projects Manager, Kate Miller, lives in Pleasant Hill and is very interested in assisting with a new Pleasant Hill Fire Station build. The Design Committee added that they are doing what is more cost effective and right for our community.

Terry McDiarmid added that a design build team of architects, construction workers, engineers, and managers are all under one roof with Ausland Group. This is beneficial so that they can all meet at the same table at meetings and there is no finger pointing that another firm is the issue.

Todd Anderson added that this is taking us to the next phase. FFA has done what we hired them to do. The suggestion to the boards is to hire Ausland Group for a small contract that will get us to the election.

Paul Filson shared that he appreciates that Kate Miller lives in our community and it is a local company. Paul added that they did their research and going to a design build is what Lebanon Fire did and recommends. Terry McDiarmid added that another key element about Ausland, is that they will provide a tentative design build schedule.

#### **Property Acquisition Option South of the Goshen Fire Station**

Chief Smith shared that the property next door to the Goshen station is possibly a HUD sale or could be a general sale. He added that we don't know the cost of it, but that there may be a need to expand our training facility and this could be a great opportunity. Chief Smith suggested the Goshen Board consider the purchase if they want to consider expanding, and the

ability to be ready when the property goes on the market, depending on the cost. A discussion ensued. A committee was formed: Willie Bronson, Tom McClellan, Paul Filson, Chief Smith, and Haley Meshnik.

Willie Bronson requested the Chief search minutes for the existing easement on the south side of the property. Willie added that we could have a Special Goshen Board meeting if it goes on the market and we need to act quick.

Chief Smith added that the property could be useful for additional parking, storage, and expanding our training ground. Chief added that this could be the golden opportunity for the right price, but that we need to make sure we have funds to purchase needed apparatus.

### **Status of Apparatus Replacement & Long-Range Funding**

Chief explained that both districts have engines that are 30 years old and could consolidate if our measure passes. Chief shared that the Pierce we purchased 3 years ago cost us \$364,000 and today that exact same engine is quoted at \$562,000. Chief emphasized that we need to address the apparatus replacement plan. The “newer” Goshen engines are 10 years old. A discussion ensued on options for grants. Chief concluded that he is applying for two grants and suggests that every couple of years they buy a new apparatus, to stay on top of our apparatus replacement plan. He added that we also have a 20-year-old Brush rig and 20-year-old Tender to consider replacing soon as well. Chief Smith shared that if purchased today, it is two years out until we can have it in our possession. He added that the best price option is to pay with cash upfront.

#### **Pending To do:**

- Chief search minutes for the existing easement on the south side of the property.
- New Committee meet next week to discuss the possibility of purchasing the property next to Goshen. Willie, Paul, and Tom.
- Chief to clarify with counsel:
  - 1. Does it have to wait until July 1<sup>st</sup> for financing to become effective.
  - 2. What can be done, in good faith, before July 1<sup>st</sup>? It is not realistic to wait until July 1<sup>st</sup> to make all these decisions.
- Chief to ask the Elections Office to clarify on board member elections, in writing, per Willie’s request.

**Willie Bronson adjourned the meeting at 6:26 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Haley Meshnik  
Recording Secretary