

## Public Finance Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 5th, 2025

Present: Charleen Wells, Paul Giffin, Diana Moher, Ray Appel, John Moeller, Chief Sprogis and Deputy Chief Ovens

Call to Order 3:39 pm

Statement made regarding recording of meeting.

Purpose of meeting is to hear a proposal by the Chief for a new position within the Fire Department to combine two positions into one paid position.

Erik John arrived for 4:00pm meeting.

Attached is a prepared Job Description.

The Chief feels it would ultimately save the department money.

The position would be paid from already budgeted funds.

No senior firefighters want to take on the role.

Salary would be \$70,000/year.

Suggestion for the type of position came from the Jay Brownlee report recommendation to add a 3rd position. Rank would be Captain.

Questions:

.hours? 24 hrs on call 72 straight, 3 day shifts equals 8 hours

.more efficient then just on call. Would be at the hall as well.

.could relieve overtime for Chief and Deputy-Chief as well as overtime. Duty Officers during the week are already working.

Recommendation to bring proposal to the full Board today. -Erik  
Carried

Meeting adjourned at 3:55pm

# Trustee Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 5th, 2025

Present: John Moeller, Ray Appel, Charleen Wells, Erik Johnson, Paul Giffin, Diana Moher, Kent Moen, Chief Sprogis, Deputy Chief Ovens

Greeting by Chair Giffin

Call to Order-4:11 pm

Adoption of Dec 4th, 2024 minutes.

Motion: Erik

2nd: Kent

Carried

## Committee Meetings

### Finance Committee:

Just had a committee meeting in public. Reviewed the report provided by the Chief for a new paid position within the Department. Chief Sprogis feels it will save upwards of \$30,000.

Motion to table the report to the next monthly board meeting to allow the Chief and Deputy Chief to complete tasks associated with the request.

Moved: John

2nd: Ray

Carried

Chief's Report: see attached

Open House on May 10th for Firesmart.

Deputy Chief report: see attached

Association: only news was election. Carol Waldo was elected as President.

Freedom of Information report: see attached

Recent bill: \$1,388.00

Questions from the floor

## **Chief's Report**

### **Fire Department Update:**

#### **Fire Hazard Rating:**

**The current fire hazard rating is low.**

**Campfires and burn barrels are permitted. However, category two and three burns require a permit from the fire department.**

#### **Fire Permits:**

**We are issuing fire permits upon inspection approval.**

#### **Call Volume Report:**

**February report pending.**

#### **Monthly Operational Review:**

**Commercial vehicle inspections have been completed.**

**Apparatus servicing is complete.**

**New Fire Trucks:** The new trucks are set to enter the assembly line in March or April, with an expected completion by July. We aim to have them in service by the end of July. This truck will serve as dual-purpose vehicles: equipped for wildfire fighting and certified as Frontline engines for the Fire Underwriter Survey.

**Fire Smart Initiative:** Our immediate goal is to conduct home inspections and hold a drop-off day at the Degnen Pit. We are awaiting the amendment to the 2023 Fire Smart grant, and we expect funding from the 2025 Fire Smart Grant later in 2025.

#### **Upcoming Event:**

**The Gabriola Volunteer Fire Department will host an open house during Emergency Preparedness Week on Saturday, May 10.**

#### **Projects:**

**We are currently testing our equipment on the Structural Protection Trailer and preparing our new fire skids for deployment.**

**Message to the Community: As spring approaches, we encourage everyone to start thinking about Fire Smarting their homes and neighborhoods. Now is the perfect time to take action and ensure your property is ready for wildfire season.**

**Thank you for your continued support and dedication to fire safety!**

# GVFD Deputy Chief Training Report – March 5, 2025

## February Tuesday Night Training Summary

- Feb 04 EMR RIT Rescue Training Cap Goodall
- Feb 11 EVO/Pumps & Pumping Cap Bandel
- Feb 18 Ch 7 Portable Extinguisher’s LT Manning
- Feb 25 Platoon Training / TIC Captain Bandel

## Upcoming Training

| March/April 2025  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• March 04 Heli-landing Zone/HR/FR</li><li>• March 11 CH 17 Fire Attack</li><li>• March 18 Ch 23 Fire Attack</li><li>• March 25 Platoon Training/Ch 13</li><li>• April 1 EMR/FR Fire Medix</li><li>• April 8 FUS</li><li>• April 15 Low Angle</li><li>• April 22 Marine Fire fighting</li><li>• April 29 Platoon Training/Marine rescue</li></ul> |

We have started a Recruit class with 7 Members and is very well.

Recruit Class is being instructed by Lt Dewar and Lt Conley