
**BIG BEAR FIRE AUTHORITY
CORRECTED MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF
DECEMBER 11, 2020**

A Special Meeting of the Big Bear Fire Authority was called to order via teleconference by Chairman Green at 3:32 p.m., Friday, December 11, 2020, pursuant to Governor Newsome's Executive Order N-25-20 and N-29-20.

OPEN SESSION

Board Members Present: Chairman David Caretto
 Vice Chairman John Green
 Director Bob Jackowski (joined meeting at 4:00 p.m.)
 Director Bill Jahn
 Director Rick Herrick
 Director Karyn Oxandaboure
 Director Randall Putz
 Director John Russo
 Director Larry Walsh
 Director Al Ziegler

Board Members Absent: None

Others Present: Jeff Willis, Fire Chief
 Dawn Marschinke, Board Secretary for Open Session Only

EMAILED PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR CLOSED SESSION

Board Secretary Marschinke read the following letter received from Bob Ybarra, Past President, Sugarloaf Property Owners Association.

Board members,

I would like to state that I am in total support of our Fire Chief, Jeff Willis. As you discuss his six-month evaluation, I would like you to consider these facts that have occurred over these last six months:

With the defeat of Measure I in March, the community overwhelmingly stated that it did not want any new taxes and that the Fire Dept needed to work within its budget. Having been given this directive,

Chief Willis worked with his staff and the Firefighters Union to modify its operation.

As a result, it is very clear that this plan has been working. The citizens are receiving emergency services as needed, and staff has been reduced, allowing the Dept to function within budget.

That being said, I believe our Fire Chief should receive a unanimous vote of confidence as to his performance during this closed meeting.

I also believe that you should go back to previous years and do his review yearly, instead of bi-yearly. I believe the Chief has proven his leadership and willingness to change to satisfy the citizens of this valley. An extra evaluation hearing is only a waste of taxpayer funds. You always have an option to call a Special Meeting if the situation changes, and an evaluation is deemed necessary.

Thank you,

Bob Ybarra -
Past President of the Sugarloaf Property Owners Association.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Government Code §54957) Title: Fire Chief

At the hour of 3:35, p.m., the Board adjourned to Closed Session.

At the hour of 4:30, p.m., the Board adjourned Closed Session.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Fire Authority at this session, Chairman Green adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.



Dawn E. Marschinke, Board Secretary

APPROVED AT THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 2, 2020