

Genesee Fire Board Liaison Report for February, 2008

Submitted for the Genesee Foundation March 13th board meeting:

On February 20, the fire board voted unanimously to adopt an election resolution for the upcoming May board election. The resolution would put a funding question on the ballot for all members of the fire district.

The question will be in part:

“Shall the Genesee Fire Protection District taxes be increased by a maximum of \$137,563.62 in the first year, and annually thereafter, commencing with taxes collected in 2009 from a mill levy of up to 8.00 mills, which is an increase of up to 2.00 mills over the current levy of 6.00 mills.....”

The resolution question goes on to describe usage of the funds.

Since the Foundation represents roughly 60% of the Fire District, Bill Easterling and Bjorn Dahl have offered to come to our March 13th meeting and give a brief presentation on the question. I've already asked Carla to include them on the agenda, early in the evening. The presentation itself will take 15 minutes and we should anticipate a few additional minutes for Q&A.

We'll be publicizing this presentation to our community to try to get more folks to see what is being proposed and the background reasons for it. Our board members might reach out to their contacts within the community to raise awareness of the Fire District's presentation at our board meeting.

The main purpose of the election in May will be to elect individuals to the 3 director positions which are expiring as of May. To date, no nomination forms have been turned in. The deadline for nomination is believed to be February 28th.

The adopt a hydrant program needs more consistent support on side roads and some private drives. Fritz Ihrig complimented Carla on the adoption, by Foundation staff, of Montane and Foothills but many of the more remote areas are being served less consistently.

The CWPP surveys are being returned sporadically by those outside of the Foundation. Bill E commented that he thought our formal mailing program had precipitated better returns than any community had achieved to date. It was agreed that the survey is somewhat weak and will not provide much definitive information from which to generate an action plan.

Submitted on behalf of the Foundation by the Fire Board Liaison:

Gary Anderson