

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting Minutes of the Estes Valley Fire Protection District

February 22, 2017 6:00 p.m.

Dannels Fire Station, 901 N. St. Vrain Ave., Estes Park, CO 80517

Board: President Doug Klink, Vice President Mike Kearney, Treasurer Dave Coleson, Mike Richardson, Ed Ford

Staff: Chief David Wolf, Board Recording Secretary Kostner

Also Attending: Asst. Chief Landkamer, Fire Marshal Robinson, Will Birchfield

Absent: Mike Richardson - tardy

The following minutes reflect the order of the agenda and not necessarily the chronological sequence of the meeting.

President Doug Klink called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Chief Wolf led the Pledge of Allegiance

Secretary Kostner performed roll call – Mike Richardson arrived after roll call was taken

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Kearney for snow plowing services

PUBLIC COMMENT / BOARD COMMENT

No public comment

Ed Ford expressed his thanks to the department for the great response and help provided on multiple calls during the high wind event.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Mike Kearney, seconded by Ed Ford to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Ed Ford, seconded by Dave Coleson to approve the 1/25/17 meeting minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Presentations

Will Birchfield presented to the board proposed updates to the code in regards to vacation rentals. Currently chapters 9 & 10 of the building code are in alignment with chapters 9 & 10 of the fire code. Birchfield stated that he would like the fire district to continue to be in alignment with the proposed code changes and to take a position on the proposed changes. The Board stated that they would need to have the proposed changes in writing so that they can review the language. No position was taken at this meeting.

REPORTS

Fire Chief Report –

Operations:

- Currently at 90 calls for 2017 (up compared to past years)
- Received and approved quote for SVI to renumbering apparatus / labelling as Estes Valley Fire

Administrative:

- Reimbursement for Cold Springs Fire accepted and being processed (DFPC is 6000 invoices behind)
- Met with representative from Mountain States Employers Council who offer training for HR and services come with included time for HR/Legal consultation (cheaper rate than our attorney)

Membership:

- Currently have 47 active members on roster
 - 26 Interior
 - 10 Exterior
 - 9 Probationary (3 already have FFI, need to complete task books)
 - 2 Dive Members

Training:

- Theme for February training was EMS with guest instructors from EPMC
 - Had average of 28 members per Tuesday night all month
- Hosted Ice Rescue class on Saturday 2/18
 - 15 from EV, 3 from Big Elk, 4 from Allenspark, 1 from Big Thompson, 1 from Larimer County
- Theme for March is Wildland training

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Community

- Charity Golf Tournament organized for Steve Thoms on Saturday March 18. Anticipating large turn out from members

Station & Apparatus

- Replaced water heater after our old one exploded
- Charger for Engine 10 has been ordered and will be installed by fleet
- Getting price for light brow for Engine 31
- Put stocked wildland packs on E31, B9 and wall

Treasurer's Report- Treasurer Coleson reviewed the January 2017 balance sheet(s) including, but not limited to: governmental funds and schedule of capital assets, statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance for general operations, operating reserve, Tabor and capital reserve were also provided.

Moved by Mike Kearney, seconded by Ed Ford to accept paid bills. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Training Site-

Phase I: Concrete

- Plan to cap existing with 4" slab approved by engineers
- Given Stewart/Sittner approval to move forward
- Awaiting pour schedule

Electrical

Got quotes from Town for two routes: across Elm Rd and up from dump

- Cheaper quote is \$11,600 plus blasting
- Would get single phase 10 kva transformer with capabilities of 200 amps
- Reviewing with Landkamer and getting input from blaster before approving

Phase II: Burn Building

Received quotes from four manufacturers, and recommend proceeding with Fire Training Systems

- Designed a system out of 7 conex units (8' x 40' each) that would be 2,000 sq ft residential with 4 story tower.
- Includes features such as reconfigurable SCBA maze, standpipe system, multiple burn rooms
- Materials, Freight, Performance Bond, and Erection = \$350,000
- Additional for concrete foundation, which is being designed now
- Financing:
 - Done by third party First Government Lease
 - Completing background check and running by attorney
 - Approved for 4 year, fixed interest rate of 3.89%, no pre-payment penalty
- Timeline:
 - Variance request decision mid-March
 - Complete financing paperwork by mid-April
 - Sign contract with FTS by mid-April
 - Complete concrete by early July (need to put out to bid based on spec)
 - Building installed late July

Water Supply to the Station-

- Has arrived and is at station
- Scheduled for installation in March

Dispatch-

- Potential grant through Department of Homeland Security
 - Applying for 26 APX radios and chargers to be mounted in structural trucks (E1,7,10,14,S3,L6)
- Ambulance now also using IAR

Station Transfer

- Still awaiting response from BLM regarding special use permit

NEW BUSINESS

CO State Fire Chiefs Special Briefing Workshop / Gallagher

- Meeting last Wednesday (February 15) of Fire Chiefs from around state to discuss impact of Gallagher
- General discussions about revenue stabilization and maintaining services
- Gallagher to cause 18% reduction in Residential Assessment Rate (7.96 down to 6.56)
 - Final number in April 2017, but will be between 6.5-6.7

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- Historic RAR decline, not expected to reverse anytime soon
 - Only reverse if (1) commercial growth outpaces residential AND (2) voters approve (TABOR)
- In 1982, Statewide residential accounts for 45%, non-residential 55%
- In 2017, Statewide residential accounts for 75%
- Anticipated Statewide loss of revenue for Special Districts \$800,000,000 (\$135-175 from schools)
- Estes Valley Fire District is 82% residential, resulting in \$60,000 lost revenue in 2018
- Will need to consider alternative sources to make up revenue or decrease in operational costs

Enter into an executive session pursuant to "Section 24-4-402(4)(f) C.R.S. for purpose of discussing personnel issues." at 7:52pm.

Regular session reconvened at 8:45 p.m.

The next board meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2017 at 6:00p.m. at Dannels Fire Station. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.



Ed Ford, Secretary of the Board

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The Mission of the Estes Valley Fire Protection District is to provide the citizens of and visitors to the Estes Valley with superior fire prevention, fire protection and emergency services in a safe and efficient manner."

"The Mission of the Board of Directors of the Estes Valley Fire Protection District is to establish policy, goals, strategies and financial leadership that are the foundation for the long-term sustainability of the District."