

SNOWMASS-WILDCAT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held

October 15, 2019

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Snowmass-Wildcat Fire Protection District was held in the conference room at the Fire Station 45 located at 5275 Owl Creek Road, Snowmass Village, Pitkin County, Colorado on October 15, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. Noting that a quorum was present Chair William Boineau called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

Roll Call

The following Board members were present: William Boineau, Donna Aiken, Irene Greiser, Brian Olson and Drew Detrick. Also, present were Chief Scott Thompson, Deputy Chief Kevin Issel, Battalion Chief Jason Hutter, Human Resources Director Renee Thomas, Finance Director Jennifer Thompson, and Administrative Assistant Susan Herwick.

Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes – August 27, 2019

The minutes of the August 2019 Regular Board meeting were reviewed. Director Aiken made a motion to accept the Minutes as read, it was seconded by Director Greiser and the motion carried 5 – 0.

Public Comments

None

Finance Report

Finance Director Jennifer Thompson presented the first reading of the 2020 budget and draft budget resolutions. There is 1.24 million left in the 2017 bond. This money should get transferred back into the general fund to reimburse the District for money spent on pre-construction work for Station 45. The money received from the .450 capital mill levy will be transferred to RFFRA. The expenses for the retirement fund are \$50,000 which are off set by the \$50,000 budgeted for this fund in order to keep it solvent. The Debt Service fund is for the repayment of the 2017 bond. The second reading of the budget will be on December 10 at 8:30 a.m.

Chief's Report

Chief Thompson stated that there is some grumbling coming from some of the firefighters. They feel that we are under staffing the fire stations. The firefighters need to follow the chain of command when they have concerns. We are using hot mapping to help us with our staffing levels and we put people in the stations that are most likely to get the most calls. Staffing is evaluated each and every day. The history and future of staffing levels was presented to the Board. The completion of the strategic plan in 2020 will clarify the complete picture for everyone. Discussion.

The ladder truck has been sold to a fire department in Ohio for \$495,000 which will go towards the new ladder truck. It was sent to the front range to get new tires on it and to have the radiator repaired as per our agreement with them.

The mid-construction inspection on the two engines will happen next week. They are to be delivered in December.

Chief Thompson explained the RFFRA's current relationship with the airport and what has been going on.

Fire Marshal's Report

Chief Thompson stated that the fire prevention division is very busy with lots of plans to review, fire prevention week, inspections, and fire investigations.

Deputy Chief's Report

Deputy Chief Kevin Issel stated that the new ladder truck is here at Station 45.

He stated that he was pleased to see the shift Lieutenants functioning at a higher level than ever before on yesterday's structure fire.

Human Resources Report

Human Resource Director Renee Thomas stated that she met with the new Fire Fighter I class at the Colorado Mountain College campus in Edward's for a few minutes to speak with them about a career in the fire service.

Old Business

Director Greiser asked if there had been any further thought about raising the current director's fee to \$100 so that all Board members were being paid equally. This should start in 2020.

Chief Thompson stated that we received the DOLA grant for Station 46 at Sopris Mountain Ranch. Jenn has just requested the first application for some funding from the grant and we have made a report to DOLA. We are having problems with the engineer for this project. The soil is not great so we are looking at piers to solve this issue which increases the cost. The Homeowner's Association need to put their pledged money in a bank account before we can look for a contractor. We have three months before the grant becomes void.

Deputy Chief Issel stated that we are still working on some small warranty issues here at Station 45. The heating issue is the biggest problem.

New Business

None

Executive Session

None

Non-Agenda Items

Director Aiken stated that she has heard a lot of good things around town regarding our response to and the handling of the gas leak at Base Village last week.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Director Olson made a motion that the meeting be adjourned, it was seconded by Director Greiser and the motion carried 5 – 0. Chair William Boineau declared the meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

William Boineau, Chair

Accepted:

Irene Greiser, Treasurer