

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

BASALT & RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING December 10, 2020

Roll:

President Ed Van Walraven called the meeting to order at 4:59 p.m. Other Board members present were Leroy Duroux, John Young, and Vonda Williams. Chief Scott Thompson, Deputy Chiefs Pete Bradshaw and Kevin Issel, Human Resources Director Renee Thomas, Finance Director Jennifer Thompson and IT Director Erik Johnson.

Minutes of October 22, 2020:

Director Vonda Williams made a motion to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Leroy Duroux and the motion carried 4 – 0.

Chief's Report:

Chief Scott Thompson stated we had a long discussion about COVID vaccinations. It appears that we will be receiving some next week. We are going to hold off on a mandatory policy on vaccinations until we have enough vaccine for all of our members and see whether anyone refuses to get vaccinated. COVID testing sites were also discussed. All of the information that we have received regarding free testing sites in El Jebel, Basalt, and Snowmass Village has been sent out to everyone. Appointments do need to be made in order to be tested. No one has contracted COVID through an exposure at work. We have a very strict policy about not coming to work if you have any symptoms at all. The Colorado State Fire Chiefs are extremely upset with the State and the Colorado Department of Health for making EMS and Firefighters 1B instead of 1A. We may not receive the 70 vaccines that we have requested right away because of this. Chief Thompson stated that we have sent a letter to the State and the Colorado Department of Public Health. Director Young stated that he wrote the Pitkin County Board of County Commissioners a very stern letter expressing his displeasure that first responders were not given top priority to receive the vaccine in their county.

Chief Thompson stated that he just heard back from the State regarding the additional grant money from the State for the well for Station 46. Now we have to submit a financial report. The well permit was sent to water court. When we receive our receipt back, we will get the Building Department to start working on our plans.

Chief Thompson stated that the public will be able to track Santa in the Hood on our website to see where he is and follow him around this year.

Deputy Chief of Operations Report:

No report.

Deputy Chief of Administration Report:

Deputy Chief Kevin Issel stated that Ladder Truck 41 was sold. The money has been received and the new ladder truck has been placed into service.

Division Chief of EMS Report:

None

Division Chief of Training Report:

None

Attorney's Report:

None

Authority Board Report:

None

Finance Report:

Jennifer Thompson stated that the assessed valuations changed minimally. The mill levies did not change.

Director Williams made a motion to approve resolution two of 2020 summarizing expenditures and revenues for each fund and adopting a budget for the calendar year of 2021. The motion was seconded by Director Duroux and the motion carried 4 – 0.

Director Young made a motion to approve resolution three of 2020 appropriating sums of money to the various funds of the District in the amounts and for the purposes set forth below for the 2021 budget year. The motion was seconded by Director Duroux and the motion carried 4 – 0.

Director Duroux made a motion to approve resolution four of 2020 levying general property taxes for the year 2021, to help defray the costs of government of the 2021 budget year. The motion was seconded by Director Young and the motion carried 4 – 0.

Director Duroux made a motion to approve resolution five of 2020 summarizing supplemental expenditures and revenues for each fund and adopting a supplemental budget for the calendar year of 2020. The motion was seconded by Director Williams and the motion carried 4 – 0.

HR Report:

HR Director Thomas stated that we brought on sixteen new people (thirteen volunteers, two full-time ALS providers, and one Fire Inspector).

In November we rolled out the performance management and evaluation system.

All of us completed our bi-annual harassment training.

Board Member Comments:

None

Staff Comments:

None

Public Comments:

None

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

None

Executive Session:

None

Training Opportunities:

None

Non-Agenda Items:

Director Bill Boineau stated that he will attend the virtual Town Hall style volunteer meeting on January 5, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

Director Vonda Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded by Director Leroy Duroux, and the motion carried 4 – 0. The meeting was adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

To view this meeting in its entirety, please follow the link below.

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