



Snowmass-Wildcat Fire Protection District

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Minutes of the Board Meeting Held
December 7, 2021

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Snowmass-Wildcat Fire Protection District was held on Tuesday December 7, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. Noting that a quorum was present Chair William Boineau called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Roll Call

The following Board members were present William Boineau, Donna Aiken, Elizabeth Striegler, Dave Heivly, and Drew Detrick. Also, present were Chief Scott Thompson, Deputy Chiefs Richard Cornelius and Kevin Issel, Fire Marshal John Mele, Deputy Fire Marshal Brooke Stott, Finance Director Jennifer Thompson, Human Resources Director Renee Thomas, IT Director Erik Johnson, Volunteer Pension Board Member Tom Dunlop, and Administrative Assistant Susan Herwick.

Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes – October 19, 2021

The minutes of the October 19, 2021 Regular Board meeting were reviewed. Director Aiken made a motion to accept the minutes as read, it was seconded by Director Striegler and the motion carried 5 – 0.

Public Comments

None

Chief's Report

Chief Thompson stated that we have had two major structure fires in Snowmass Village recently. Over one million dollars in property was saved. The fire on Ridge Road was caused by a chimney chase that was built incorrectly during a remodel of the home in 2007. One firefighter was injured. The fire at the Seasons Four Condominiums was caused by a careless smoker putting their ashes in a planter on the deck. The thermal imaging drone from Aspen Fire was very beneficial in detecting the location of the fire in the roof. Approximately \$500,000 in loss was sustained. The thermal imaging drone video footage was shown. Mutual aid from Aspen Fire has been paramount on both of these calls. Erik Johnson is working on a drone program for RFFRA. Emails of thanks are always sent to the Chief of the Fire Department giving the mutual aid.

The valley wide (Aspen to Glenwood) move up and cover program for mutual aid response was explained.

Deputy Chief's Report

No Report

Fire Marshal's Report

No report

Human Resources Report

HR Director Thomas stated that the policy manual had been updated in three areas due to case law and two laws that have been enacted in Colorado. Equality in the work place affects compensation and recruitment process. The updates were explained.

The strategic plan is moving forward. Each team is meeting once per month. The career progression team is 99% complete and should be done by 12/31/21.

Finance Report

Finance Director Jennifer Thompson stated that this is the second and final reading of the 2022 budget. There was an increase of 4.5 – 5% in assessed valuation this year. We decreased the bond mill levy by one-half mill. We like to keep \$200,000 in the operating account after we make the bond payments. The mill levy question that was approved two years ago allowed us to keep almost \$40,000 in revenue that would have been lost due to a decrease in residential assessments.

Resolution Two summarizing expenditures and revenues for each fund and adopting a budget for the calendar year beginning on the first day of January, 2022 and ending on the last day of December 2022. Director Heivly made a motion to accept the minutes as read, it was seconded by Director Striegler and the motion carried 5 – 0.

Resolution Three appropriating sums of money to the various funds of the district in the amounts and for the purposes set forth below for the 2022 budget year. Director Aiken made a motion to accept the minutes as read, it was seconded by Director Detrick and the motion carried 5 – 0.

Resolution Four levying general property taxes for the year 2022 to help defray the costs of government for the 2022 budget year. Director Striegler made a motion to accept the minutes as read, it was seconded by Director Aiken and the motion carried 5 – 0.

Old Business

None

New Business

The annual awards dinner will be held on January 15, 2022 at the Roaring Fork Club. A COVID vaccination card will be required for all guests this year and no children will be allowed to attend.

Executive Session

None

Non-Agenda Items

Director Heivly stated that he had received an email from a citizen that stated they hadn't been able to find any of the 2021 Board minutes posted on our website and could we please post them.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Director Heivly made a motion that the meeting be adjourned, it was seconded by Director Aiken and the motion carried 5 – 0. Chair William Boineau declared the meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

To Watch the Board meeting in its entirety, please click on the link below.

<https://youtu.be/a27rvQOyL7E>

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