

MINUTES OF THE RYE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Regular Meeting of June 16, 2010

Present: Directors – Henry Asbury, Ed Sutcliffe, William Monck, and Doug Brach.

Absent: None

Others: Phillip Daniels, Fire Chief, Captain Scott Carlton, Captain Jim Beach, Lieutenant Steve Bennett, Engineer Kurt Thompson, and Firefighter Joe Suarez, Debra Eiland, attorney.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mr. Asbury

Mr. Asbury recognized individuals that were present. The sign up sheet for public comments has three people that would like to address the Rye Fire Board of Directors. Each person will be allowed three minutes to speak and the first person on the list is Bill Dye.

Bill Dye: “Thank you sir, ladies and gentleman, I learned something at the last meeting, please turn your cell phones off. If you don’ know me, my name is Bill Dye I have been on the Colorado City Metro Board for the past 4 years, was chairman of the board now Jackie is the chairman. I have been advised from counsel not to speak about this subject as it could end up in court. I am here tonight because I am very disturbed of what I am hearing in our valley and what I have heard from some of the people involved in tonight’s subject matter. I would, like to ask everyone here tonight to try and resolve this matter before it goes to court, before it escalates further and before more people in our valley get hurt by it. We need to remember that we are a small and close knit community its not about us versus them, I am friends with all of you all, all the people on the board and most of you people out there. This is about what is right, this is about the truth, about the facts, and to find the truth we must tell the truth, and we must hear the facts. It’s important that we treat each other with respect and dignity; we don’t need to yell, threaten or call each other names. That is all I have to say.”

Mr. Asbury thanked Bill for his comments. Next person on agenda is Sonny Hood.

Sonny Hood: “I would like to take a minute and ask Phil Daniels. You remember telling me and the Board about Rod threatening Mike over him not helping him taking water?”

Chief Daniels: “This is your public comment time sir, I am not going to answer any questions that you propose to me at this time, which was in what we”

Sonny Hood: “Ok, I remember and I am sure the board does, that this was brought up in a November meeting, but yet this Murphy Vorndam said in this newspaper article here that rod did not threaten mike, you specifically told us he did. Now I said before, that this Murphy is an extremely dishonest person, why is she still working for this district. You guys have no qualms about letting a dang good firefighter and paramedic get fired but yet you let people like this keep working for this district, these people deserve better than that. But there are those kind of people working there. And then you won’t let me ask a question, but I would like to know what point and time you told Dave Valdez about the unmetered valve in the fire station? I guess that is all I got to say.

Mr. Asbury thanked Sonny.

Sonny Hood: "I would like to know why that woman is still working here. I am kinda disappointed with this whole board of directors."

Mr. Asbury, the next person on the list is Dan Schultz.

Dan Schultz: "I came to the board about 3 months ago, and asked a few questions, handed out a list of questions. I pretty much got beat up by a person that did not know me; I got no answers of any credibility whatsoever. One of the questions that I asked was, why does everybody have to both do fire and ems? I got told because that's the way it has always been. Well, if that is the way it has always been how did we put a man on the moon, how did we get the ink pens you're writing with. Just because we have done it that way does not mean we need to continue to do it that way. There are trained personnel in this valley that are willing to serve to me they outta be utilized, I don't think were a big enough outfit where we can turn our back on qualified help. Thank you for your time."

Mr. Asbury thanked Mr. Schultz. That concluded the public comments section of the meeting. We are now going to move on to regular meeting.

Minutes of May 19, 2010

Motion to approve minutes as presented.

Motion: Mr. Monck
Second: Mr. Sutcliffe
Aye: All Present

Accounts Receivable

We brought in \$91,544.06, of that amount 67280 was property tax. Ambulance billing was the balance remaining off that total.

Motion to approve May 2010 accounts receivable.

Motion: Mr. Sutcliffe
Second: Mr. Monck
Aye: All Present

Accounts Payable

Motion to approve May 2010 accounts payable.

Motion: Mr. Sutcliffe
Second: Mr. Monck
Aye: All Present

Fire Chief's Report

In the month of May 2010, Rye Fire responded to 48 calls for service (9 fires and 39 EMS). This shows no change from May 2009, however Year to Date 2010 is 15% busier from the same time period in 2009.

On May20, Fire Department staff instructed preschoolers at Rye Elementary on fire prevention.

From June 6 through the 13th, members of the Fire District attended and taught at the Colorado Wildfire and Incident Management Academy, in Canon City. Three students attended training on Power Saws, three students were instructed on pump operation and hydraulics, and one student each received training on Wildland / Urban Interface fire tactics and Field Observer Skills. Chiefs Daniels, Mower, and Owens and Lieutenant Daniels provided instruction in Advanced Firefighting, Fireline Leadership and Safety Awareness, Pumps and Hydraulics, and Incident Command and Tactics for Initial Attack on a Fire. Additionally, in support of the Academy, Rye Fire provided a 4 unit shower trailer for the use of campers attending the academy. During the 7 day run, the shower provided 252 showers. This usage of the shower trailer provided us with the opportunity to test all of the equipment in a real world environment in preparation for use during this upcoming fire season.

From May 23 through May 28, Rye Fire provided a Type 6 engine and crew to assist in the suppression of the Beaver Fire, east of Norwood, Colorado. Engine Boss Kurt Thompson, and firefighters Zac Guadagno and Larry Archuleta staffed the engine during this deployment to assist the Bureau of Land Management.

No significant work has been completed on the Table Mountain Repeater site in the past 30 days.

Old Business

Personnel Policy

Mr. Asbury inquired if everyone had a chance to review the personnel policy. Mr. Sutcliffe stated he reviewed it and it looked okay to him. Mr. Monck thinks the policy is good.

Mr. Monck makes a motion that the Rye Fire Protection Districts personnel policy and procedure manual.

Motion: Mr. Monck
Second: Mr. Sutcliffe
Aye: All

The personnel policy will be sent to our attorney to have everything become finalized.

Joyce Schollenberger: "Now that the policy has been approved is there anyway the public can see?"

Chief Daniels, Debra Eiland and Mr. Asbury agreed to give a clean copy to Ms. Schollenberger.

The Rye Fire Protection District

Mr. Asbury requested that a special meeting be scheduled June 23, 2010 to discuss the nominations of Director's.

The Board of Directors moved to an executive session to discuss appointment of directors and discussions with counsel at 7:14 p.m.

Following executive session, board returned to regular session at 8:40 p.m.

Fire Inspections

Mr. Branch has Tom Holgerson approach him regarding inspections at the water treatment plant in Rye. Mr. Holgerson was concerned about the way he was approached for the inspections. Mr. Branch and the Board visited with Captain Beach regarding inspection request. Mr. Branch will discuss with Mayor Holgerson the inspection to obtain the cooperation of an inspection to get the building a placard and MSDS sheets.

New Business

None

Other Business

None

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn was made at 9:04 p.m.

Motion: Mr. Branch
Second: Mr. Asbury
Aye: All Present

Dated this 27th day of June, 2010.



Submitted by Steven E. Bennett, Lieutenant