

The Rye Fire Protection District

MINUTES OF THE RYE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Regular Meeting January 21, 2019

Present Directors – Mr. John Schaiberger, Mr. Rich Simpson, Mr. George McGoff, Mr. Michael Graber

Absent Directors – Mr. Wally Rice

Others - Chief Steve Bennett, Captain Jim Beach, Firefighter Chris Kochis, Firefighter Matt Nolting, Firefighter Matt Kelly

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mr. Schaiberger who chaired the meeting.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken, and present members were introduced.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Schaiberger asked for any additions or changes to the meeting agenda. None noted.

Motion to approve Meeting Agenda for January 21, 2019 as posted.

Motion: Mr. Simpson
Second: Mr. Graber

Further Discussion: None.

Aye: Mr. Schaiberger, Mr. Simpson, Mr. McGoff, Mr. Graber
Abstain: None
Nay: None

Receive or Act on Board Correspondence

None.

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Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

None.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Schaiberger asked for approval of the minutes of December 2018.

Motion to approval of the meeting minutes for December 2018 as presented.

Motion: Mr. McGoff
Second: Mr. Simpson

Further Discussion: None.

Aye: Mr. Schaiberger, Mr. Simpson, Mr. McGoff, Mr. Graber
Abstain: None
Nay: None

Treasurer's Report

Accounts Receivable/Payable. Chief Bennett reviewed the financial reports. Chief Bennett noted a deposit from Pueblo County, which is unusual this time of the year. It was noted that this report essentially represents year end numbers. The EMS fee is higher than normal due to not processing last months fee, thus two (2) months are shown on this report. There was a check to DFPC which was questioned. Chief Bennett noted that this was an over payment by DFPC and this was refund back to DFPC. Two (2) months of rent for the new office was noted on the bills to pay. The yearly fee for Employers Council is also included in the bills to pay. The postage invoice for Colorado City Metro was for postage to mail inclusion letters. Three (3) pages of bills to be paid will be reviewed and signed per the agreement.

Emergency Medical Services. Captain Beach reviewed the December 2018 EMS Graph noting that the year-end billings are about 59% above the budget and year-end revenues are 22% above the budget. Captain Beach noted that there was a spike in dollars this month which was as a result of an effort to finalize 2018 accounts. Captain Beach noted that the EMS revenues exceeded budget.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for Accounts Receivable and Accounts Payable for December 2018.

Motion: Mr. Simpson
Second: Mr. Graber

Further Discussion: None.

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Aye: Mr. Schaiberger, Mr. Simpson, Mr. McGoff, Mr. Graber
Abstain: None
Nay: None

Capital Projects. Exhaust System – Fan Status. Mr. Graber noted no new updates.

Fire Chief Report

Statistics. In the Month December 2018, Rye Fire responded to 67 calls for service of which 59 were EMS related and 8 were fire related. In comparison with previous year this is an increase of 8% from 2017 and an increase of 12% from the 5-year average of 60. Rye Fire finished the year with 942 calls for service which was one call higher than 2017, within that total 750 calls were EMS driven and the remaining 192 calls were fire related.

Administration/ Operations. Fleet has been renumbered and new unit calls signs have been programmed into the cad system. These will become active beginning January 1, 2019.

Fire Department annual dinner has been scheduled for January 31,

Option for Cardiac Monitors is purchasing needed monitor from AMR at a significant discount price. Rye Fire has another service due for the units, then a 1-year window for repairs, theoretically this should suit the department needs. We are holding off on the orders to see if a 50/50 grant from the state will be available. If something were to happen to the monitors we will be able to order from AMR and should have the ordered product within 7-10 days. Options are still being researched for Life Pak 15 cardiac monitors.

Prevention. We continue to provide Mitigation assessments for homeowners throughout the District.

Provided assistance to the school with their monthly fire drills.

Training. Training has been ongoing. Fire training pump operations and transitional fire attacks. 1 staff member is currently taking Basic EMT course this will be complete in April, another staff member completing pre-req's for Paramedic and another staff member obtained HazMat Technician for class in Alabama. EMS training is ongoing with a new topic every 6 days providing continuing education for annual requirements.

Task List.

- Fire Hydrants. Refer to Chief's Report.
- Exhaust System. Refer to Treasurer's Report.
- Inclusion Information. Refer to old business.
- Hatchett 33,000 Gallon Tank. Refer to Chief's Report.

Old Business

Nepotism Policy

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Mr. McGoff shared with the board earlier in the month a final draft of the proposed policy. No additional comments were noted by the Board. This will now be sent to Employers Council for their review. It was noted that Employers Council could possibly assist with the definition of family. Mr. McGoff once again complimented the three (3) staff involved and thanked them for their help. The final policy will also be reviewed by Legal Counsel before final acceptance by the Board.

Office Space

Chief Bennett, noted that he has finalized the lease with the Bank of San Juans and is now moving in. Phone and data connections are being installed.

Upcoming Year Projects

Burnt Mill Properties – Update. Letters and petitions were sent to the affected property owners with a deadline of January 7th. As of the 16th, only 9 of the 50 letters have been returned. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to extend the date to Monday, April 8th. Three (3) methods of communication will be extended to the property owners notifying them of the extension. One will be a phone call. Second will be a letter with a third being an article in the local Greenhorn Valley Newspaper.

Fires in Region and Staff Updates. Chief Bennett that there were no fires in the region and no new staff updates.

New Business

None.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 5:36 P.M.

Motion: Mr. Graber

Dated this 21st day of January 2019.



Submitted by Jim Beach, Captain