

Hot Sulphur Springs-Parshall Fire Protection District
February 12, 2020
Regular Fire Board Meeting
Minutes

Present: Rob Firth; George Davis; Chief Tom Baumgarten; Meredith Howe; Aaron Bellefeuille
Marco DeAndrea is absent.

Meeting called to order at 7:04PM

Approval of Minutes-

Motion to approve minutes of the January 8, 2020 Regular Board meeting, and the minutes of the Pension Board Meeting for January 8, 2020 by George Davis. Aaron Bellefeuille seconded. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report-

Aaron Bellefeuille gave the Treasurer's report. After discussion, Aaron Bellefeuille *made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. George Davis seconded. Motion approved.*

Chief's Report-

The Department has responded to 4 calls so far this year. The trainings have encompassed SOP reviews, truck inventory, and rope trainings. The new Truck 285 will be coming in on Sunday at 2:00pm. The old 285 has been retired and a high school fire science program in Adams County is interested in taking the truck for training. This group also took some of the Department's old gear to use for their training. Chief Tom will also be working with new East Grand School District Board member, Trevor Corbin to develop and begin a fire science program in the high school.

Old Business-

None

New Business-

Mark Krieg, accountant for the Fire District attended the meeting. He has offered to do the exemption for audit, which would be filed around the middle of March. He emphasized the importance of coding invoices to the proper place to accurately reflect the budget spending. For instance, the money for meals, lodging, airfare, etc., that was spent when the new fire truck was inspected, would be allocated under the cost of the new fire truck. Another possible problem he could see was the money spent on meals for firefighters. Taxpayers could look at that spending and question why their tax money was spent on meals. He suggested that another account be set up and the donations the District receives when they do their Chili Supper in the Fall, and the Pancake Breakfast for Hot Sulphur Days be put into this designated fund, and meals for firefighters would be purchased with those donated funds. He said, although the amount is minimal in the whole budget, it would look better for the District. Other than that, he feels that the Department is doing a great job and is comfortable with applying for an Exemption of Audit. Another point he discussed was that the 2020 budget was based on the tax revenue received from the Mill, but if that changes then the budget will have to be amended. A final point he made was to possibly look into putting some of the District's funds into CD's or another type of account that would generate some interest, thereby more fiscally responsible to the District's taxpayers. Chief Baumgarten did state that they indeed had a CD already as well.

The president of East Grand Fire Board Mark (?) and East Grand's Fire Chief Todd Holzworth came to introduce themselves to the Board and encouraged communication and working together with all the board members in the County. Mark wanted to ensure the lines of communication stay open between all Departments and their Board members. March 9th at 6:00pm the SDA will be at a presentation at Granby Fire for anyone who would like to attend.

Board member Aaron Bellefeuille motioned, and Board member George Davis seconded to accept the HOT SULPHUR SPRINGS PARSHALL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT RESOLUTION 2020-01. A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE 2020 REGULAR DISTRICT ELECTION AND APPOINTING A DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Attested by: _____
Rob Firth, Chairman

George Davis, Secretary