

Hot Sulphur Springs-Parshall Fire Protection District
April 10, 2019
Regular Fire Board Meeting
Minutes

Present: Brad White; Rod Sale; Chief Tom Baumgarten (arrived late); Aaron Bellefeuille; Marco DeAndrea, George Davis

Present in Audience- Toni Russell

Meeting called to order at 7:04PM

Approval of Minutes-

Motion to approve minutes of the February 13, 2019 meeting Rod Sale. Aaron Bellefeuille seconded. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report-

Rod Sale gave the Treasurer's report. A request was made to be sure and have back up of the actual receipts for and charges on the credit card. Also clarified were two reimbursements (14.99 each) to 2 firefighters. These were study guides for the Firefighter I class. After discussion, *Rod Sale made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Aaron Bellefeuille seconded. Motion approved.*

Chief's Report-

Toni Russell submitted a Firefighter Safety Grant for an extractor (special washer to remove contaminants from the bunker gear) and decontaminating kits. The grant was awarded to the Department for \$8,332.00 with no match. Due to a good price on the extractor, we were also able to order 5 decontamination kits for the fire trucks.

The lift station was frozen solid, so a heater was put in use to thaw it out. After much thawing and investigating it was discovered that the pipe that goes from the pump in the lift station to the main had froze and burst (the sand trap was full and it backed up and froze the line). There has been a temporary fix done, and as soon as a plumber can be scheduled, it will get permanently fixed. The manholes and lift station had to be pumped out which was done by Good to Go. It is hoped that with some more work done in the area this will be avoided in the future.

It was a slow February and March, but April has been busy. There were a couple of gas leaks due to frozen snow built up behind the meter, pushing against it, and causing a leak.

A power pole near Kinney Creek caused a small grass fire. They responded to several EMS calls and responded to an ice rescue call on the Williams Fork.

Tool boxes came in for Truck 292 and are ready to be mounted. New tool boxes and a work station have been installed in the bays in the Hot Sulphur station, and similar items are being installed in the Parshall station.

Two firefighters tested. Travis passed his Hazmat test, and Samantha (a cadet) passed her firefighter I written test. Once she turns 18 she can pass the physical part of the test.

There will be a training on April 20th at the shooting range.

There is a possibility of 2 more volunteers from Parshall.

Jim Ellison from the Sheriff's office will be making a presentation on April 23rd discussing drugs, how to recognize the symptoms, what is in the county, etc.

Pack Test is coming up.

Old Business-

Copper Creek well-Rod Sale gathered information in getting a well drilled to fill the storage tank on Copper Creek. A rough budget of \$20,000 would probably cover the cost of doing this.

Aaron Bellefeuille made a motion and Rod Sale seconded to submit paperwork for a well application.

All voted aye, motion passed.

Strategic Planning-

Brad handed out some stats that Chief Tom had provided for the Strategic Planning, but more information needs to be gathered to complete the process. The goal has been set to get the statistics to Brad within the next couple of weeks to format the information to present to the public. A public meeting in Hot Sulphur and in Parshall to present the gathered information and then request the public's feedback will be set for 7:00 Thursday, May 2nd at in Parshall, and at 6:00pm Friday, May 3rd in Hot Sulphur. Chief Tom will set up a time with the firefighters to meet and discuss the strategic planning with the Board.

New Business-

Rod Sale and Brad will be meeting with representatives from Freeport McMoran (the mill) tomorrow to discuss their membership in the fire district. This meeting was initiated by the mill.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Attested by: _____
Brad White, Chairman

George Davis, Secretary