

Hot Sulphur Springs-Parshall Fire Protection District
Regular Fire Board Meeting /Budget Officer Election
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Present: Rod Sale, Joe Vrbas, George Davis, Rob Firth, Mike Thompson and Tom Baumgarten

Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM Public: Christopher Conger Toni Russell

Approval of Minutes: Joe Vrbas questioned a section in the Chief's report regarding Joe Mulder and his training hours. Consensus was that the minutes correctly recorded the discussion. *Mike Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes, Rod Firth seconded. Motion carried.*

Resolution to designate an election official and authorize the appointee to conduct and/or cancel elections in accordance with the law. Rob Firth read the entire resolution out loud. *Mike Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes, Rob Firth Seconded. Motion carried*

Treasurer's Report- There was a discussion regarding check #1897, both in the amount of \$470.00. One check was intended to replace a lost check, however the "lost check" seems to have been cleared. Agreement was made to contact Mark and reconcile/clear up the issue. Mike Thompson asked if the money had been transferred from one bank to the other. Joe and Rod took care of it. *Mike Thompson made a motion to approve the treasurers report. Rob Firth seconded with the caveat to follow up on the check in question with Mark. Motion carried.*

Chiefs Report- Still busy. The department ran 6 calls from the previous board meeting. MVA on hwy 40. There were no fatalities or anything, but the road was a sheet of ice. We had to shut the road down, CSP assisted with moving debris and had CDOT plow and drop sand a few times so we could open 1 side of the road. Chimney fire down CR 3, Chief tried to recruit the homeowner to our department as on arrival he had ladders set up, had a hose up on the roof and basically had it out upon our arrival. Luckily it was not a large fire. It was just in the flashing up around the top and charred it. Gas line rupture, EMS calls and a structure fire. Rod Sale asked where the gas line rupture was. Chief said it was right in front of the old general store. GC road and bridge took the stub right off at ground level as the pipe was not marked in anyway. An Xcel driver was coincidentally driving by when Xcel called him about the leak. The worker asked fire to not go near it etc. as he geared up. Tom had Firefighter Becker in full PPE to go with Xcel worker for safety in case something happened, Becker could pull him out. He then went over and plugged it. 40-year-old gas line had no shut off. Thankfully it was a small line. George asked how the driver knew he hit it. He smelled and heard it as soon as he did it. Chief had everyone in immediate area shelter in place and advised of no smoking until the gas cleared. Chimney fire page was interesting as when the call came out, it was Duchess way. Homeowners had just moved in and it was the 1st fire in their fireplace. Wife worked in Summit and called 9-1-1 and the call was going through summit county, but she cleared it up that it was not in Summit. Dispatch finally gave CR number as we were just about

to Aspen Canyon. Granby was called in to back fill our station until our 2nd crew arrived (Conger and Stein) as we were so far down 3. Granby responded. Truck placement is going to be a priority regarding that area, as the driveways can be bad near the houses for fire trucks. 287 almost got stuck on this call. Structure fire here in Hot Sulphur. Averaging 4 members per call and average response time is 14 minutes. Joe asked about this report. IAR is used to track response times and attendance. We now have access to E force reports as the sheriff's office does not provide the old one anymore.

*Next conversation is attached as an addendum to these minutes regarding the incident at breakfast after the structure fire on Spring street as well as other matters brought up by George Davis.

END CHIEFS REPORT

Old Business: Water Storage. Chief has been working with several companies and have finally received the quotes. He chose 30k gallon single tank. It will not fit into Parshall station so the alternate location in Cooper Creek is going to be the best location. He then handed out the proposal to the board members. They will need to look at the quote, approve it and move forward. He stated it was about a 10-week turnaround. The board will review the proposal. The logistics will need to be figured out as far as installation, drafting math etc. The board will need to sign the forms to move forward. Chief asked that the board to start communicating with the representative after signing the forms. Rod mentioned someone that may excavate it for free. Joe Vrbas has talked to and will continue talking to the county commissioners. They would like to be a part of using and filling the tanks. They did mention about in-kind services. All of this will have to go through the county commissioners. Joe Vrbas suggested they sign the contract and approve sending the check. *George made a motion to accept the bid and move forward with the tank. Rod Sale seconded. Motion carried*

New Business: Chief would like to consider and discuss paid personnel down the line. Rob asked for Tom to flush out some examples of a volunteer chief hiring part time firefighters for him to research. Rob asked about grants for this. Safer grant is a great tool and some departments flourish with it an some not so much. Rob again asked about putting together a proposal regarding it. The promises made to the additional district area needs to come first in his mind. Chief also mentioned another issue concerning the Gallagher amendment. The decisions will need to be made regarding all these issues and how to best protect our district. This was put on here to just to start the conversation to consider and work on how or if at all we can proceed.

Adjournment at : (recording ended before time was given)

Attested by: _____ Joe Vrbas, Chairman
_____ Rob Firth, BOD Member

