



Aspen Fire Protection District Board of Directors Regular Monthly Meeting

MEETING DATE: February 18, 2015
MEETING TIME: 5:00pm

LOCATION: 420 E Hopkins

MINUTES

I. Meeting called to order by: Jack Simmons Time: 5:05pm

II. Roll Call

Board Members:

Stoney Davis, Jack Simmons, Denis Murray, Tom Clapper, Karl Adam (arrived at 5:19)

Absence:

Others in Attendance:

Rick Balentine, Marc Zachary, Parker Lathrop, Karl Hanlon, Nikki Lapin

III. Reading of Minutes: Rick made a correction to minutes under old business that the offer for property was \$45,000, not \$40,000. **Motion by Stoney to approve minutes from January 21, 2015 meeting. Tom Second. All Approved.**

IV. Public Comment: None

V. Good of District:

- a) Denis attended Volunteer Business Meeting February 4th. Good to see how organization works.
- b) Zach mentioned that fire department in Grand Junction is neighbor to property there. They may be interested in property for extra space and/or housing.

VI. Board Member Comments:

- a) **Motion by Stoney to Approve Resolution 2015-01: Posting of Meeting. Second by Karl Adam. All Approved.**

VII. Financials:

- a) Auditors were here. Expect to get audit report soon.
- b) According to December financials, there was a net loss of \$3,400. It was budgeted to be net loss of \$120,000. This was our lowest income level since 2006. Assessed valuation statement should be available May or June.
- c) Jack sent out an email to the Board in regards to setting aside a budget number for special needs when they arise, such as hiring someone to review capital outlay project.
- d) Rick hopes to have capital outlay information to Board in April. Rick proposed that we have a company that was used by the County to do it. An estimate was

presented to the Board. Rick is willing to give it a try, just wants to make sure it is done correctly. Board would like to see Rick give it a try first.

- e) FPPA 4th Quarter report was included in packet.

VIII. CEO/Fire Chief Report:

- a) Rick, Brian and Parker met with Source Gas, dispatch and some alarm companies to continue discussion on carbon monoxide alarms and false alarms. Last year there was a total of 471 carbon monoxide calls reported. We responded to 280. We are trying to find ways to minimize. Rick stated we can't in good conscience tell dispatch we will not respond to these call. Of the calls, 35 were found with carbon monoxide. Snowmass averages 50 carbon monoxide calls per year. We are in the process of working on a new report to capture more information. Rick asked the board if they are okay with charging back for false calls. Stoney stated he was fine with it. Karl Adam referred it back to staff.
- b) Rick included a report of all the calls in 2014. Currently we are working on reducing filtered false calls as we get charged approximately \$25 per call.
- c) Woody Creek Wall: SGM study was presented to board in packet. Rick as reading through paperwork found some information regarding Post office possible being responsible for some landscaping. Not sure yet if this would be included. Rick asked for direction from the Board and if he should move forward with RFP. Lots of discussion.....Jack said to go ahead get some estimates.
- d) Currently in the process of reviewing applications for new recruits. It is looking like we may have seven strong candidates so far. Interviews will start tomorrow.
- e) Paul Herr retired. Anne Gonzales is back from leave of absence. Roger Hollowell is on leave of absence.
- f) Rick will be meeting John Peacock tomorrow to discuss right away cleaned up on Red Mountain. This is high danger area if a wildfire were to break out.

IX. Presentation from Parker Lathrop on new Rescue Apparatus

- a) Currently three bids have been received and Apparatus Committee has met.
- b) Looking as a Rescue similar to Rescue 10.

X. Old Business:

- a) Grand Junction Property: No update
- b) Auxillary Membership: Discussion tabled
- c) Service Plan: Rick has been reviewing current service plan. This is on list of to-do for later in the year.

XI. New Business:

- a) IT : Jack brought up discussion about IT needs. Parker has been in discussion with other agencies about new software.
- b) North 40 Parking Lot Usage for Library: Received request from Library to park a couple trailers at North 40 during their construction. Board referred to Staff to make decision.

Meeting Adjourned.