

Ridgway Fire Protection District
Regular Meeting
12 March 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:33 pm by Board Chair, Charles Mueller at the Ridgway Volunteer Fire Department located at 251 N. Railroad Street, Ridgway Colorado. Also, in attendance were Board Members, Paulette Crabb, Eric Dickerson, David Svenson, and Ned Bosworth. Other attendees included RVFD Chief, Chris Miller; Administrative Assistant, Katy LaSala; and Carolina King from the Ouray County Plaindealer.

FINANCIAL REPORT

BILLS

- MOTION by Crabb to approve bills as presented. SECOND by Bosworth. ALL IN FAVOR.

MINUTES

- MOTION by Dickerson to approve the 2/12/19 minutes as presented. SECOND by Crabb. ALL IN FAVOR.

OLD BUSINESS

Property Annexation for County Road 5 Residents

See Attached Letter from County Road 5 residents requesting annexation

A continued discussion was had by the board members as to grant the request of several County Road 5 residents to have their properties annexed into the Ridgway Fire Protection District. Svenson questioned whether there is a clear-cut protocol and policy regarding how new properties are accepted into the District. Chief Miller explained that the Fire District does not have its own protocol for inclusion, but Ouray County as well as the Town of Ridgway adhere to the standards set forth by the National Building Code. Thus, each property built within these regions is required to adhere to these policies as well. Bosworth suggested that while a RFPD policy is needed, the Board should accept all current applicants. Then a policy should be put into place for all future annexation requests. Crabb noted that the Fire Department will respond to incidents on these properties whether they are included in our District or not. Thus, it would “make sense” to include them into our District. Svenson suggested that the Board create a “pragmatic policy to eliminate subjectivity” before any other properties (including County Road 5) are annexed.

- MOTION by Svenson to table the discussion regarding the annexation of County Road 5 Residents until the Board completes a work session on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 5:30pm in which they can create a policy for annexation into the Ridgway Fire Protection District. SECOND by Dickerson.
 - Three votes in favor – Mueller, Svenson, Dickerson
 - Two votes against – Crabb, Bosworth
 - MOTION PASSED

CHIEF’S REPORT

Chief Miller reported that Mark Hartman donated the old Weaver Recording Studio to be burned as a training event in which the Fire Department completed on March 9, 2019. It provided a great training opportunity for the firefighters as it was a “good strategic burn because of a nearby hay shed and antique barn.” The Department will do another live fire structure training on March 30, 2019.

The Firefighters will be participating in the annual Ouray Fire vs. Ridgway Fire Basketball Game Fundraiser to help raise money for the 2019 Safe and Sober After Prom Event hosted by Voyager and the Ouray County Juvenile Diversion Program.

The Brush 21 truck is now fixed. Repairs included fixing a broken head gasket, wheel lug repair, back motor repaired and rewired for correct ampage. The total cost for maintenance was \$7,161.

The Department held officer election nominations at their meeting on Tuesday, March 5, 2019. Nominated positions are listed as follows:

- Chief – Chris Miller
- Lieutenant (2 open positions) – Tyler Ferguson, Chris Kraft, and Jeff Rivera

NEW BUSINESS

Energy Audit

See the Attached 2019 Energy Audit Report done by Lotus Energy

Mueller requested that we investigate installing our own meter on the building. LaSala spoke with representatives at Alternative Power Enterprises (APE). It was explained to her that we have three options-

1. If we put our own meter on the building, the data would be the same as the data that appears on the SolarEdge Monitoring App, which we currently have. Thus, it would be redundant, but doable. The cost would be at least \$2,000.
2. SolarEdge has a Consumption Meter Monitoring System. It's not a meter but an online software application that would show our overall generation and consumption of energy. Mark at APE would need to create an estimate for this option.
3. We could add an electric circuit monitoring system to our existing electrical system. Each unit can monitor up to sixteen circuits. It would provide information of each individual circuit and show where we are using more and less power. They cost about \$500 per unit, and any electrician can install them for us.

Mueller stated that we are going to implement the recommended suggestions on the audit.

LaSala will have Mark at APE create an estimate for the installation of a new meter and the SolarEdge Consumption Meter Monitoring System.

END OF MEETING

➤ MOTION by Mueller to Adjourn. Second by Dickerson. ALL IN FAVOR

Meeting Adjourned at 6:45.

Respectively Submitted,
-Katy LaSala