

Ridgway Fire Protection District
Regular Meeting
9 April 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:33 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, and Ned Bosworth, RVFD Chief, Chris Miller, and RFPD Administrative Assistant, Katy LaSala. Absent from the meeting were Board Members, Eric Dickerson and David Svenson.

BILLS

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

MINUTES

- MOTION by Crabb to approve the 3/9/19 minutes as presented. SECOND by Bosworth. ALL IN FAVOR.

OLD BUSINESS

Property Annexation for County Road 5 Residents

- MOTION by Mueller to approve the current County Road 5 resident's application for annexation into the Ridgway Fire Protection District. SECOND by Crabb. ALL IN FAVOR.

Energy Audit - Mueller suggested that we purchase the CURB circuit monitoring system as it will help to determine the exact source(s) of excess electrical usage.

- MOTION by Bosworth to purchase the circuit monitoring system with a monetary ceiling of up to \$5,000. SECOND by Crabb. ALL IN FAVOR

Building repairs as recommended by Lotus Energy in the energy audit are ongoing. The thermostat has been moved. LaSala will speak with Cole on the progress.

LaSala questioned whether Lieutenant Ferguson's EMT training was to be paid for by the District or the Department. The Board confirmed that it was a District expense.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Miller requested that we sign up for a phone answering service that will route all calls to LaSala's cell phone and/or the administrator's email as to more efficiently keep up with the influx of calls and messages. The board approved the request at a \$20 per month access fee.

Chief Miller and Deputy Chief Robinson took a tour at the Chimney Peak Ranch on 4/8/19. The ranch is creating a water system for the RVFD to use if needed. Miller questioned to whether we need a contract. The board's consensus was that we do not.

Tender 21 is going to the mechanic to fix an oil leak, two front wheel seals, and the airbag. Crabb pointed out that while these repairs on the trucks and other equipment are needed, it is important to keep in mind that we have spent 40% of the Equipment Repairs and Maintenance Budget as of the year-to-date.

Officer Elections were held on 4/2/19. Miller was re-elected as Chief. Sisler was elected to Captain. Ferguson was elected as 2nd Lieutenant. Kraft was elected as 3rd Lieutenant. Williams was moved from 2nd Lieutenant to 1st Lieutenant.

Chief Miller has been speaking with OCEMS about taking over all county extrications. More info to follow within the next few months.

The condenser pump for the building failed and caused major damage to the locker room wall and ceiling. Stryker is contracting to replace the pump and repair the damages to the building.

Chief Miller created a hand-written list of additional department job responsibilities that he would like LaSala to begin and made a request to the board that she be allotted more hours during the work week to complete said tasks. The Board requested that he and LaSala create a digitized list and bring it, along with a revised job description proposal that includes implementing it into the budget, to the May 2019 board meeting.

➤ MOTION by Bosworth to allow LaSala to work up to 25 hours per week until further discussion. SECOND by Crabb. ALL IN FAVOR

NEW BUSINESS

Mueller questioned as to who is responsible for general housekeeping as the meeting room was left dirty after an outside organization's training. It was decided that, henceforth, we will charge a \$250 refundable cleaning deposit for any organization outside of the RVFD/RFPD and OCEMS.

Annexation Protocol – It will be discussed during the May 2019 meeting as Svenson was absent from the current meeting.

We are updating the Website. Mueller and the board agreed to pay for half of the fees and the Department will pay for the other half.

END OF MEETING

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

Meeting Adjourned at 6:22pm

Respectively Submitted,
-Katy LaSala