

Ridgway Fire Protection District
Special Meeting
August 22, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:35 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, David Svenson, Eric Dickerson, and Ned Bosworth; RVFD Chief, Chris Miller; and Administrator, Katy LaSala.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BUSINESS

NEW COMMAND VEHICLE

The Board discussed an adequate budget for a Chief's Command vehicle as well as if it should be equipped with a water tank. They also discussed the importance of the Chief having a vehicle that can promptly arrive on scene of an incident without having to go to the fire station first, while also acknowledging that he will be driving it regularly when not responding to calls. Additionally, Bosworth proposed that a new command vehicle could be provided as part of a Chief's compensation package, to which the other Board members agreed.

- MOTION by Mueller to buy a 2019 Ford Brush Truck to be used as an emergency response Command vehicle with a purchase price not to exceed \$75,000 from the Citizens State Bank CD 3036. SECOND by Crabb. ALL IN FAVOR.

CHIEF'S SALARY

Chief Miller provided a job description as well as a handout of the hours he has worked for the fire department from June through present and then excused himself from the discussion.

The Board acknowledged that the Chief should be compensated for his dedication and hard work, but also noted that we are still a volunteer fire department with budgetary restrictions.

- MOTION by Dickerson to compensate the Chief with a \$1,000 monthly salary beginning on January 1, 2020. SECOND by Svenson. ALL IN FAVOR.

Crabb suggested that, in the future, we create a salary structure that is based on certifications and has incentives built in.

ADJOURNMENT

- MOTION by Mueller to adjourn. Second by Bosworth. ALL IN FAVOR

Meeting Adjourned at 6:28 pm.

Respectively Submitted,
-Katy LaSala