

Ridgway Fire Protection District
Regular Meeting
12 November 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:35 pm by RFPD Board Chair, Charles Mueller, at the Ridgway Fire Department located at 251 N. Railroad Street, Ridgway Colorado. Also, in attendance were RFPD Board Members Ned Bosworth and Eric Dickerson (by phone), Chief Chris Miller, Katy LaSala (Administrator), Cristy Cole (Administrator), and Mary Reinhardt (Public Citizen).

FINANCIALS

The Board discussed this year's HOA dues from Trail Town Partners, LLC as we have not received an invoice from previous years. Bosworth recommended paying it as they haven't charged for back years.

BILLS

➤ MOTION by Dickerson to approve bills as presented. SECOND by Bosworth. ALL IN FAVOR.

MINUTES

➤ MOTION by Bosworth to approve the 10/8/19 minutes as presented. SECOND by Mueller. ALL IN FAVOR.

OLD BUSINESS

DEEPLY DIGITAL ANTENNA

LaSala mentioned that Deeply Digital had removed it from the roof. Miller said he would find out if all holes were filled.

NEW TENDER

The Chief mentioned that we will investigate purchasing a new Tender after we sell Tender 1212. No appraisal was done, but representatives from Max Fire looked at and recommended a selling price. It is now listed on the Fenton Fire website for \$80,000. If sold through them, they will take a 6% cut.

2020 BUDGET DISCUSSION

Discussion of the budget ensued and will continue as well as be approved at the December 10, 2019 meeting.

FIVE YEAR PLAN

Chief Miller did not have his 5-year plan.

CHIEF'S REPORT

The Chief reported that the new Command truck is pretty much done. We are waiting on a radio and new antennas, but it should be ready to pick up in Texas soon.

He also presented the attached letter from OCEMS which contained an extrication proposal but also offered the RVFD's use of one of their lodging rooms and restroom in exchange for the 2020 OCEMS rent increase, which amounts to \$528.

NEW BUSINESS

OURAY COUNTY EXTRICATION

Chief Miller presented a proposed agreement for the RFPD to take over the Ouray County Extrication as written by OCEMS director, Kim Mitchell. Miller suggested that we would benefit by adding an additional eight to ten more volunteer personnel to the RFPD trained specifically in extrication. The agreement suggests that we purchase Ouray County's extrication equipment for \$5,000. Other costs involved include a \$1,200 annual storage fee to the City of Ouray to house a truck, a possible increase to our insurance policy, additional use of and repairs on our existing apparatus and tools, as well as the cost of adding more people to our fire department.

The Board questioned the benefits to the RFPD if we take on the endeavor as well as the possibility of billing for insurance on any extrication calls to compensate for the expenses.

Miller explained that the county extrication team currently receives \$32 in wages per extrication and transport, but the total numbers are not that costly as is shown below:

- 2019 YTD - \$105
- 2018 - \$815
- 2017 - \$305

LaSala will investigate the cost of adding ten more volunteer personnel to the RFPD as well as any potential increase in insurance costs for responding to extrication calls outside of our district.

CHANGE AGENDA POSTING PLACE

- MOTION by Mueller to designate the RFPD board meeting agenda posting location to our website at www.ridgwayfire.org. This is to occur no later than 24 hours prior to all RFPD board meetings. SECOND by Bosworth. ALL IN FAVOR.

The resolution will be signed at the December meeting.

ADD LASALA TO BANK ACCOUNTS

- MOTION by Mueller to remove Orvis and add LaSala to the RFPD Citizen's State and Alpine bank accounts-all checking, savings, and CD accounts-in January 2020 whereas Mueller will take over the responsibility of bill approvals. SECOND by Dickerson. ALL IN FAVOR.

GIS PROPOSAL

LaSala presented the attached proposal from IamGIS for new GIS software and services for the RFPD. The cost is \$2,500 annually for the software and \$1,500 for services, training, and set up.

- MOTION by Dickerson to approve the purchase of software (\$2,500 annually) and services (\$1,500) from IamGIS. SECOND by Mueller. ALL IN FAVOR.

BUILDING SEWER SMELL

Discussion ensued regarding the occasional strong smell of sewer in the building. LaSala and Miller are investigating and will present their findings at the next board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting Adjourned at Katy LaSala.

Respectively Submitted,
-Katy LaSala