

Ridgway Fire Protection District
Regular Meeting
10 December 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:23 pm by Board Chair, Charles Mueller, at the Ridgway Volunteer Fire Department located at 251 N. Railroad Street, Ridgway, Colorado. Also, in attendance were RFPD Board Directors Ned Bosworth, Paulette Crabb, and Eric Dickerson, Administrators Katy LaSala and Cristy Cole, Chief Miller, and Mary Reinhardt.

- MOTION by Crabb to regretfully accept the resignation of Board Director, David Svenson. SECOND by Mueller. ALL IN FAVOR.
- MOTION by Mueller to appoint Mary Reinhardt to fulfill the remaining balance of Svenson's term ending in April 2020. SECOND by Dickerson. ALL IN FAVOR.

FINANCIALS

BILLS

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

MINUTES

- MOTION by Bosworth to approve the 11/12/19 minutes as presented. SECOND by Mueller. ALL IN FAVOR.

OLD BUSINESS

Deeply Digital Antennae Update

Miller noted that he has not yet looked to see if Deeply Digital had filled the holes on the roof that may have been left from when they removed their antennae in September.

Sewer Smell

LaSala spoke with the Ouray County Public Health Department. The smell is diminished for now, but if/when it happens again, she will have them come to investigate.

Ouray County Extrication

Discussion ensued regarding the potential implications and costs of taking over extrication for Ouray County (OC) in its entirety. Mueller and Crabb voiced concerns relating to the likely increase in personnel costs as we would be bringing the current OC Extrication team over to our department. LaSala noted that the cost of adding ten more personnel (as referenced from the Chief in the previous meeting) to the Fire Department would range between \$85,900 and \$100,000. LaSala also spoke with our Mountain West insurance agent, Chris Lundy, who stated that our rates would most likely increase, but she would need a defined number of calls and number of additional personnel to give us an accurate figure. Miller suggested we negotiate with the Ouray Fire Department regarding the purchase/use of their turnouts. He added that, to save money, we amend the required training hours for the extrication crew so that they would not need to be put onto our pension plan. Crabb expressed unease about purchasing the equipment from the County. Mueller was uncomfortable with the probable ongoing future costs, while Dickerson and Reinhardt questioned the benefit to the District. Miller noted that if we decide not to take it over, and Ouray County also decides not to continue in 2020, the RFPD will end up responding to all the County extrication calls anyway; thus, costing us extra money either way.

The decision was made by the Board to deny the request from Ouray County to take over Extrication in 2020 as it is not currently in our budget. However, we are willing to entertain the possibility in the future as we get more information concerning the actual costs involved.

5 Year Plan

The Chief stated that he and the RVFD Officers have a goal for at least 80% of all our firefighters to be Structure Firefighter 1 and Wildland S131/S191 certified within the next 5 years. He also would like to create a Wildland Deployment Team as it has the potential to generate more income for the District.

2020 Budget

- Budget Hearing. MOTION by Dickerson to approve the 2020 Budget as amended. SECOND by Bosworth. ALL IN FAVOR.

Certification of Mill Levy

- MOTION by Dickerson to approve the 2019 amended Certification of Values as set forth by the Ouray BOCC as presented. SECOND by Mueller. ALL IN FAVOR.

CHIEF'S REPORT

The Chief noted that we are down almost fifty calls from 2018 at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

OCEMS Rent/Room Proposal

- MOTION by Dickerson to give Mueller the authority to negotiate the exchange of a room in the OCEMS wing of the Fire Station for the 2% rent increase as per our 2020 lease agreement. SECOND by Crabb. ALL IN FAVOR.

Town Issue with the Siren

LaSala noted that the Town of Ridgway will be discussing alternative options to the siren on our building on Wednesday, December 11th, 2019, and stated that several members of the Fire Department will be in attendance to defend the siren's importance. Miller also said that he has been discussing sound options with Jimmy Merritt at Stryker.

ADJOURNMENT

- MOTION by Crabb to Adjourn. Second by Bosworth. ALL IN FAVOR.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectively Submitted,
-Katy LaSala