

Ridgway Fire Protection District
Regular Meeting
May 12th, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:36 pm by Board Chairman, Charles Mueller, at the Ridgway Volunteer Fire Department located at 251 N. Railroad Street, Ridgway Colorado. Also, in attendance were RFPD Board Members Ned Bosworth, Mary Reinhardt, and Eric Dickerson; RFPD Administrator Katy LaSala; RVFD Chief Chris Miller; as well as Gary Redmond, Michael Trahan, and Christen Williams.

FINANCIALS

LaSala noted that we need to have our safety deposit box re-drilled as the keys have been misplaced. It will cost around \$200.

BILLS

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

MINUTES

➤ MOTION by Reinhardt to approve the 4/14/20 minutes as presented. SECOND by Bosworth. ALL IN FAVOR.

OLD BUSINESS

Trail Town Property Sale

Mueller explained that the sale fell through for unknown reasons. It will continue to be listed as “for sale.”

Tender 1212 Update

Chief Miller noted that it is still listed as “for sale,” and we have four fire departments currently looking at it. However, they all would like it delivered.

Ladder Truck Update

Chief Miller explained that it is no longer listed as “for sale” as the motor needs work, which should cost between \$3300 and \$8000

CHIEF’S REPORT

Chief Miller reported that the RVFD has done several donation burns during Wednesday night trainings. Thus, training hours are very high. We also trained in a single-wide trailer donated to us by Nick and Johanna Wagger for four days. Firefighters Reinhardt, Jay Tunnicliff, and Gualtieri are on COVID-19 leave but will still receive their training hours for the year.

Miller stated that this last month has been busy with two calls this prior Saturday in which a child was locked in a vehicle during one incident, and a shed and burn pile caught fire at a resident’s house. There have also been several vehicle accidents.

Mike Trahan told the Board that we applied for a special license to fly our drone commercially and were granted a certificate of authorization with the FAA. Both he and Captain Tom Sisler are trained to fly the aircraft.

NEW BUSINESS

New Firefighter Gear

LaSala explained that we need to order new helmets for everyone as all the current helmets are expired. We have also ordered turnouts and boots for most everyone. For those reasons and because we have several firefighters coming off probation over the next few months, our Turnouts budget is swelling.

Chief Miller also noted that eight of our SCBA bottles are currently expired, eight are expiring at the end of this year, and the rest will expire in 2022. Thus, they all need to be replaced. Further, we need new SCBA packs and masks for everyone as they are either expiring or older models that we can no longer order parts for. He explained that we are applying for a grant alongside Ouray Fire to hopefully cover some of the cost of these items.

EMS Air Conditioning Unit

LaSala explained that the unit is not working. Mike Andrews had Snipps Heat and Air come to repair it, and it is unknown at this time what the cost is going to be.

Records Management Software

LaSala and Trahan explained that we were looking into changing our software as the owner of our current program tragically died, and it was uncertain to whether the program was going to be discontinued. We just recently were told that the company sold and will be upgrading. Thus, at this time, we will not be taking any action.

New Board Member Nominees & Vote

Applicants Michael Trahan, Christen Williams, and Gary Redmond presented letters of interest, and applications and were allotted time to speak to the Board about why they would like to be on the Ridgway Fire Protection District Board of Directors. A vote ensued, and the results are as follows-

- Gary Redmond – 2 votes
- Christen Williams – 2 votes
- Michael Trahan – 0 votes

➤ MOTION by Mueller to appoint Gary Redmond as the fifth Board Member to the Ridgway Fire Protection District Board of Directors. SECOND by Dickerson. ALL IN FAVOR.

As there was a tie, it was decided by the Board that the Chairman should break the tie, which then went for Redmond. However, and upon further advice from council, it was determined that the Chairman cannot be a tiebreaker if he has already cast his vote, and as such, the first vote was invalid. Thus, a future advertised meeting was scheduled for May 19th, 2020 to discuss and possibly conduct a revote.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting Adjourned at 6:11 pm.

Respectively Submitted,
-Katy LaSala