

Ridgway Fire Protection District
Regular Meeting
8 June 2020

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 Vice Chair Ned Bosworth, and Board Members Mary Reinhardt and Gary Redmon. Also present were RVFD Chief Miller and Administrator Katy LaSala.

FINANCIALS

BILLS

- MOTION by Reinhardt to approve bills as presented. SECOND by Bosworth. ALL IN FAVOR.

MINUTES

- MOTION by Bosworth to approve the 5/12/20 minutes as amended, replacing "...giving..." in the last paragraph to "...which then went for...". SECOND by Reinhardt. ALL IN FAVOR.
- MOTION by Reinhardt to approve the 5/19/20 minutes as presented. SECOND by Bosworth. ALL IN FAVOR.

OLD BUSINESS

EMS Air Conditioner Update

LaSala explained that Snipps Heating & Air Conditioning repaired the AC unit claiming that the freon had been drained. They have not sent us an invoice yet. She is thinking that the unit is still under warranty.

Turnouts/Uniform Budget Discussion

LaSala noted that we will go over on the turnout budget this year due to adding seven new members onto the department simultaneously last fall and suggested asking the Ridgway Volunteer Fire Department (RVFD) to help cover the overages. Chief Miller stated that he would have the RVFD vote to balance the budget at the end of the year if necessary. The Board decided to wait towards the end of the budget year to act on the issue.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Ridgway, Ouray, and Log Hill Fire Departments are jointly applying for a grant to purchase new SCBA tanks and masks.

All RVFD Firefighters have a high percentage of call attendance for the year-to-date.

Incidents Report – We responded to a car vs. elk on Dallas Divide. Chief Miller assisted with a flume impalement extrication in Ouray. We responded to a van rollover on Highway 550 near Orvis Ranch in which the vehicle had rolled at least three times, landed upside down in the water, and the driver was extricated.

Events & Training – 95% of RVFD members have over the minimum required training hours for the year. The current FF1 trainees are taking their written and jpr exams at the end of June. The RVFD goal is to have 75% of its members obtain FF1 (structure) and s130/190 (wildland) Certificates by the end of 2021. Chief Miller and Adam Kunz are registered to take s130/190 in July. Holmatro is partnering with us to provide a SW Regional Extrication Training here in September. We are also working on partnering with Telluride Fire to create a Western Slope Academy in which we would provide the extrication training portion.

Ladder Truck – It is not listed as “For Sale” because it needs mechanical work, and our sales representative does not believe it will sell. Chief Miller suggested that it would cost around \$10,000 to repair, vinyl wrap, add decals, and purchase new tires. The RVFD sees value in it and would like to keep it to use on the few buildings in our District that we may need it for. Mueller recommended waiting towards the end of the year to do the repairs citing a need to keep an eye on the Repairs and Maintenance budget. Reinhardt stated that she would prefer to fix it rather than sell it. Bosworth suggested we put it at the top of our priority list in the fall. Redmond inquired as to whether it is usable right now in case it is needed. Chief replied that we could use it in a pinch. Mueller also questioned if any damages involving the ladder truck would be covered on our insurance policy or if we only have liability. LaSala will look into it. Redmond stated that he believes the truck is worth fixing. The Board decided to wait until the fall to do the repairs if it is within the range of the budget.

Tender 1212 is still for sale and listed online.

Communication Van – The OC Sheriff’s department approached us regarding their 2003 Ford Communications van. They asked if we along with Ouray Fire, Log Hill Fire, Mountain Rescue, etc would like to use it as a regional “rig.” We would use it for its mobile repeater capabilities during wildland calls and as the drone vehicle. It would live at our firehouse, but all the local agencies would be able to use it. We would need a mutual aid agreement. Reinhardt questioned who would be responsible for carrying the insurance. Mueller and Bosworth liked the idea but said that we need to know more about the agreements that would be put in place. Chief Miller will investigate further. No action was taken at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Officer Election

- MOTION by Reinhardt for Charles Mueller to maintain the position of RFPD President. SECOND by Redmond. ALL IN FAVOR.
- MOTION by Reinhardt for Ned Bosworth to maintain the position of RFPD Vice President. SECOND by Redmond. ALL IN FAVOR.
- MOTION by Mueller to elect Mary Reinhard as the RFPD Secretary and Treasurer. SECOND by Bosworth. ALL IN FAVOR.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting Adjourned at 6:43 pm.

Respectively Submitted,
-Katy LaSala