

Ridgway Fire Protection District
Regular Meeting
November 10th, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:39 pm by Board Member Eric Dickerson, at the Ridgway Volunteer Fire Department located at 251 N. Railroad Street, Ridgway Colorado. Also, in attendance and in person were Board Member Gary Redmond, RVFD Chief Chris Miller, and Administrator Katy LaSala. Attending via zoom were Board Members Eric Dickerson and Mary Reinhard as well as RVFD Captain Tom Sisler.

FINANCIALS

BILLS

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

MINUTES

➤ MOTION by Reinhardt to approve the 10/13/20 minutes as presented. SECOND by Dickerson. ALL IN FAVOR.

OLD BUSINESS

2021 Budget

LaSala presented an update to the proposed 2021 budget. It was decided to further discuss and approve it at the December meeting when the Chair, Vice Chair, or both would be in attendance.

Admin Salary Increase Request

LaSala presented a description of her administrative duties. Discussion ensued to include Dickerson suggesting an incentivized salary increase and Reinhardt acknowledging that LaSala deserves an increase, while also recognizing budget constraints. Redmond suggested holding a workshop before the next District meeting for all board members to discuss. LaSala will contact all board members this week and provide a date for the workshop to be held.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Miller explained that the Department is looking for new training grounds as we are no longer able to use the County Road 12 "extrication yard." Sisler added that we can keep the container on the property for storage.

Tomorrow, Ridgway Fire will be escorting the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree through Ouray County from Colona to Ouray.

Communication Van Update

Miller stated that we are waiting on Ouray County to look at and approve the IGA, but it probably will not happen until 2021.

Ladder Truck Update

Miller said all repairs are complete. New tires were put on it today. We should have the truck back by the end of the week.

NEW BUSINESS

Sale of Tender 1212

Chief Miller explained that East Orchard Mesa Fire Protection District is going to purchase Tender 1212 by the end of November for \$85,000. We currently do not have a replacement plan but will have a rough plan by the December District meeting. We will not be purchasing anything before the 2021 budget season.

Appreciation Banquet Cancellation Discussion

After a brief discussion, everyone agreed that due to concerns surrounding the Covid-19 pandemic, it is best to cancel the Appreciation Banquet this year.

- ❖ MOTION by Reinhardt to provide all members and retirees a \$100 Visa gift card in appreciation of their service. SECOND by Dickerson. ALL IN FAVOR.

2020 Budget Amendment

- ❖ MOTION by Dickerson to amend the 2020 Budget to represent a revenue increase of \$61,100 in wildland assignment reimbursements from the State of Colorado incurred for personnel, travel, and apparatus response as well as \$85,000 from the sale of Tender 1211, which will increase the General Fund from \$552,901 to \$653,305. SECOND by Redmond. ALL IN FAVOR.

ADJOURNMENT

- MOTION by Redmond to Adjourn. Second by Dickerson. ALL IN FAVOR

Meeting Adjourned at 6:16 pm.

Respectively Submitted,
-Katy LaSala