

Ridgway Fire Protection District
Regular Meeting
February 9th, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:40 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, Board Members Eric Dickerson, Gary Redmond, and Mary Reinhardt – all via Zoom – as well as Chief Chris Miller and RFPD Administrator Katy LaSala – both in person.

FINANCIALS

BILLS

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

MINUTES

➤ MOTION by Bosworth to approve the 1/12/21 minutes as presented. SECOND by Reinhardt. ALL IN FAVOR.

OLD BUSINESS

OCEMS Lease

Mueller informed the Board that the OCEMS Lease will remain unchanged from its original inception. Thus, a 2% raise in rent from 2020 will be applied as of January 1, 2021.

Ouray County Extrication

Mueller requested that the RFPD take over all Ouray County Extrication without having to purchase the apparatus and equipment and without being required to pay to store the truck. OCEMS Chief Kim Mitchell and Chief Miller are attempting to work out the details with the County.

Truck Purchase Discussion

Chief Miller explained that we sold T1212 for \$85,000. He requested approval to spend \$35,000 to \$45,000 to purchase an Engine that can hold 1,000 gallons of water and pump over 1,000 per minute. He explained that the purpose is to get a truck that has a tank size that is comparable to the Tender we sold while also having the capability to carry more people. He then added that the Ladder truck is currently being painted, and the cost will be around \$10,000. His plan is to use the remaining monies from the \$85,000 to purchase equipment for the Ladder truck. Reinhardt and Bosworth liked the idea. Mueller questioned whether we should be purchasing a Brush truck that can go on wildland assignments. Miller explained that Brush 1211 will be our designated wildland assignment truck. Engine 1211 and the chase truck that we are looking to purchase will be our backup wildland assignment apparatus. Redmond noted that a new engine will cover us if E1211 engine is out on a wildland assignment.

➤ MOTION by Reinhardt to spend up to \$45,000 to purchase an Engine that has a large water tank and can carry four or more personnel, with the remainder of the \$85,000 from the sale of Tender 1212 to be used for equipping the ladder truck and new engine. Second by Bosworth. ALL IN FAVOR.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief reported that we, along with the Ouray and Log Hill Fire Departments, are in the final stages of applying for a grant to purchase new SCBA equipment.

He stated that Dickerson arranged for us to train in and burn a house in Elk Meadows this spring.

He noted that we have had several car accidents over the last two months, and our many hours of extrication training is paying off.

Also, we have created a training schedule with Ouray Fire for this year with the hope of offering more training opportunities to all our firefighters.

NEW BUSINESS

OTHER NON-AGENDA DISCUSSION(S)

Mueller presented to the Board two unsolicited offers that we received this week for the Trail Town lot. He suggested that we do not counter either offer, noting the high price of other lots in town, the current state of the real estate market, and the value of the land to the District. We may still want to build on the land. Bosworth and Dickerson agreed with Mueller. Bosworth stated that we should not dismiss the idea of bringing in more monies to the District, but we also should not accept low offers. Thus, it was decided that we will tell the potential buyers that the property is not available at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting Adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Respectively Submitted,
-Katy LaSala