

GATEWAY - UNAWEEP FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



"Volunteers Serving Our Neighbors"

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Board Meeting Minutes January 26, 2016

Board Meeting called to order at 6:32pm.

Members Present: Fred Bolton, Madonna Dormaier, John Fuller, Jeannie Lewis, Chief Barnett

Public Present:

Minutes from 12/08/15 Meeting approved as submitted.

No bills and/or appropriations.

No Hearings

Fire Chief's Report

December: slow month with 2 incidents.

Equipment: new engine 121 – in Fast & Easy shop working on water temp repair; once repaired will changed out old 121 and hope to sell

Ambulance 122 sale – flyer did not go out due to technical difficulties

Personnel move to trailer: will wait until funds available for move and to furnish

Personnel Training: compiling materials from 40-hour firefighter awareness course with other materials to comprise 80-hour base training course for personnel

Training: Chief Barnett attended training in Colorado Springs; was glad others were not able to go, it was lacking, spending 100% in class training

HazMat Ops training – Chief and 2 others attending training; after completion the 3 will be HazMat Ops certified

Meetings: attended several meetings; EMS collaborative meeting and Fire collaborative meeting, concentrating more on fire specifically accessibility and training; EMS QA/Q1 meeting – anticipate para-medicene features coming to count in future; Recertification for red card in March/April

Goals: focus on placing core foundational elements in place then reach out to bring in and train personnel; more community interaction; Jeannie suggested Community Health Fair

Chairman's Report

Community Center meeting – Fred was unable to attend meeting but Chief Barnett attended; they didn't say no to reimbursement of overpayment of utilities, and requested data. Fred sent information; most likely will not be reimbursed but rather not charged usage for a time frame and possibly for other services.

Ambulance mileage charges: currently charge \$15/mile, which is on the low end; Chief recommends raising to \$25/mile; money goes to wear/tear on vehicle. Chief brought up possible need for collection company. Fred proposed putting collections on next month meeting and asked Chief to research what steps are involved, fees, etc. Board agrees to align ambulance fee to those set by Mesa County.

Fred Bolton, Board Chairman 931-2257 / James "Bear" Barnett, Fire Chief 303-653-2936

Madonna Dormaier 931-2869 / Lisa Eakle 931-2234

Jeannie Lewis 210-5412 / John Fuller 433-1732

Madonna motioned to raise ambulance fee to \$25/mile

Jeannie second

All in favor / no opposed

Motion carried.

Fred met with Sheila Grother, who spearheaded the mill levy increase in Norwood. Levy was increased from 5.8 to 10.6 and was passed with 2/3 margin. She gave Fred specific language used for ballot and for deBrucing. What was most interesting is they spent a great deal of time researching needs and came up with same system we have, with their bottom dollar amount at \$325,000 which is very close to same numbers as Chief Barnett

Fred sent email to Chief and David asking to not spend unless absolutely necessary. We are short on funds anticipated due to unforeseen repairs/purchases needing to be made last year.

Treasurer's Report

Department account - \$0.70

District account - \$795.62

Payroll - \$47.86

Jeannie would like to get an idea of routine expenditures, money we may need, when – i.e. inspections etc. She feels she could have a \$5,000 cushion over the next couple of years. Fred said had we not needed to make repairs to neglected equipment we would have had \$15,000

Jeannie asked that all receipts have detailed information written on receipt so that she may appropriately code expense

GUFD will have money coming in February and payroll money will come in Thursday.

Unfinished Business

Services Agreement

Chief Barnett has compiled the numbers; Fred & Chief would like to meet with Rudy Sharp to go over the information and narrow to practical needs before presenting to HHH.

Mill Levy

If we pursue mill levy, we will need to appoint Elections Officer; can be Fred or our attorney said he could and it wouldn't cost much. Decision to increase must be decided by the end of February.

Fred would like to table until February meeting so he has opportunity to gather data on mill levy figures etc

Board Policy on Open Records

Reviewed Policy 0002 – Open Records Request Policy, copy attached

Motion by John to adopt Open Records Request Policy

Madonna Second

All in favor / no opposed
Motion carried

New Bremmer letter dated 01/12/2016

Each Board member read letter and after discussion, Board has made decision to not further investigate and issue is closed.

Motion by Jeannie to not further investigate and issue is closed
John Second
All in favor / no oppose
Motion carried

Spring Dynamite Shoot

Board agreed to hold Spring Dynamite Shoot

2016 Budget

Revisions to 2016 Budget are on hold until Services Agreement is reviewed; will table until February meeting

Grants – decision to pursue grant for vehicle needs to be made as grant is to be submitted in February; money match does not need to be in place until June/July. Opportunity to have funds available from the sale of ambulance and an interest shown by Driven to purchase purple water tank. Chief Barnett will give Fred number we will need to have to match. Board agreed for Chief to submit Grant request.

Motion by Madonna to proceed to procure Grant to purchase vehicle
Jeannie Second
All in favor / no oppose
Motion carried

Motion to Adjourn by John
Madonna Second
All in favor / no oppose
Motion carried

Adjourned at 8:00pm