

GATEWAY - UNAWEEP FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



"Volunteers Serving Our Neighbors"

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Board Meeting Minutes January 24, 2017

Board Meeting called to order at 6:32pm.

Members Present: Fred Bolton, John Fuller, Lisa Eakle, Eileen Gooch

Public Present: Ray Gooch, Daniel Plunkett

Minutes from 12/13/16 Meeting approved as submitted.

Appropriations

Hearings

Fire Chief's Report

Call volume 6 calls in January

Budget – Recreated Budget to include PID funds of \$65,000 for staffing. Verified mill levy funds will be received in 2017; Linda & Chief are preparing exemption to audit paperwork

Personnel – New fee structure (attached); minimal cost to Department but reimbursable is at much higher rate

New hires will be recognized as volunteer until probationary period is satisfied, then paid

Ray tendered his resignation effective end of February

Station – few minor station repairs scheduled for January

Equipment – no fire equipment available at moment; Lands End has been notified to meet needs

Chairman's Report

County Commissioner Meeting – Fred will email to the Board a copy of letter he sent to County resulting in the award of PID Funds of \$65,000 specifically for personnel. Also addressed housing need, which is for the time being set aside as focus is on personnel. Will contact them in late February/March to prompt conversation on housing.

Each year Department will need to resubmit request, for 2017 around October, this time we will need to show difference the funds made

Treasurer's Report

Department account - \$5,492.66

District account - \$55,635.17

Personnel/Payroll - \$34,612.72

Daniel Plunkett, F&W – designated representative for VFIS (Volunteer Fire Insurance Service) in Colorado
Reviewed Property & Casualty and Accident & Sickness insurance coverages for Department

Unfinished Business

Budget Reconciliation:

Motion by Lisa to accept Budget as amended

Eileen Second

All in favor / no oppose

Motion carried

Treasurer Position: Really must fill treasurer position as soon as possible. If not filled by mid-February, will need to send general correspondence to community inviting any interested party. Chief posed question if individual can fill position and be volunteer on fire department. Fred affirmed.

New Business

Performance Evaluation: Evaluations should have been done in June 2016. Fred proposed moving evaluations to February.

Motion by John that performance evaluations be conducted in February and finishing by March meeting

Lisa Second

All in favor / no oppose

Motion carried

Property insurance coverage: Thought that equipment/vehicles are at risk of being under evaluated; Fred would like Chief to evaluate cost replacement and to get with Daniel for quote; would like to make decision at next meeting or get quote and approve via email.

Motion by Lisa to increase value of coverage on the 3 higher valued vehicles

John Second

All in favor / no oppose

Motion carried

Maintenance Chief report: Engine 121 annual maintenance check; secondary pump down
Board expressed their gratitude for Ray's efforts and service.

Board Chairman position: In unrelated discussion with Attorney, Attorney reminded Fred according to statute he cannot be Chairman past end of this year. Need to begin transitioning.

Public Input

Executive Session

Motion by Lisa to Adjourn

John Second

All in favor / no oppose

Motion carried

Adjourned at 8:45pm