

GATEWAY - UNAWEEP FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



"Volunteers Serving Our Neighbors"

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Board Meeting Minutes May 24, 2016

Board Meeting called to order at 6:30pm.

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

Public Present: Ray Gooch

Minutes from 4/26/16 Meeting approved as amended.

No bills and/or appropriations.

No Hearings

Fire Chief's Report

April: 2 incidents; 1 medical, 1 brush fire

Equipment:

- Engine 121: took to Wagner for estimate/repairs
- Ambulance 121: holding on maintenance until Engine 121 is repaired
- Brush 121 & 122: no change
- Tender 121 & 122: no change

Staffing: reduction to accommodate budget

- Payroll account can be used for any expenses related to personnel
- Dormaier requested to leave paid position and return to volunteer
- Chief will attempt 15 shifts
- Will continue to have 24/7, 365 medical coverage, but not double coverage

Grant:

- Small grant for recruitment
- Colorado EMS grant – went smoothly; anticipate to go through

Events & Training:

- June 29 – Friends & Family Day; BBQ is at 5:45

Meetings:

- Communications – County is currently testing VHF equipment; Chief will check into refund
- Mesa County Chief – submission for fire department to impose fees did pass; fees attached to new development that would affect fire district coverage; Fred asked if there were any exemptions on fees; Chief Barnett has not yet read bill, but will look into
- GUFDD Board Meeting – Chief cannot attend July & September

Volunteers:

Chief would like to extend/accept regional volunteers; to assist/promote fire department volunteers he would like to offer to pay travel expenses; of particular interest may be individuals entering into the field. Then train individual and elevate to pay as experience is gained.

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

Fred liked idea of any volunteer, wherever they may be from, but did ask Chief to check with attorney into legal consequences of graduating volunteer to partial pay.

Prior to moving to paid/on-call, issue will be revisited with Board. Chief will email attorney and follow up regarding legal ramifications. Fred asked to also check with attorney if fire department gives volunteer training worth certain amount of money, do we need to 1099 value of that training. Additionally, examine instead of paying for training offer to offset with a requirement of fulfilling a certain number of shifts.

Lisa suggested extend search to college and/or county wide area for volunteers.

Motion by Lisa to look region wide for volunteers and pay for their travel.

John second

All in favor / no oppose

Motion carried

Chairman's Report

Mill Levy: Fred attended Gateway Community Club meeting; had several conversations, a lot of questions but wasn't a negative attitude. Everyone liked the money would be allocated to equipment.

Fred is working on letter to community but not yet satisfied with how its reading.

Community Center remodel: Also had conversation about the remodeling of the back area of Community Center for living quarters. Most agreed it was needed and asked when we approach the County if they could have other space, and let them know response.

School Modular: Was not able to speak with school principal about the modular. Madonna was able to speak with him and they need to wait to look at staffing patterns and possible new teachers before they can consider leasing to fire department.

Treasurer's Report

Department account - \$6,797.65

District account - \$76,830.74

Personnel/Payroll - \$43,442.69

Dynamite Shoot total gross revenue - \$7,012.25

Jeannie asked for clarification on paying volunteers. Plan is to pay all personnel, including volunteers, through Personnel/Payroll.

Unfinished Business

Board email addresses: Please start using new email addresses

New Business

Secretarial Support: Consider hiring Linda, who is secretary for Lands End; charges \$650/month for 32 hours/month. Linda is interested in billing hours worked as she is not sure she wants an additional 32 hours per month.

Chief Barnett said if he had help with administrative paperwork he could dedicate more to equipment etc. Linda also has written many grants which would also be of huge benefit to department.

Fred asked Chief to work with attorney for specific language for at will employee with separation clause
Position would be defined as 'Grant Writer'.
Board agreed cannot engage Linda until we have language provided by attorney.

Motion by Jeannie to add a contracted position with Linda Weber
Lisa Second
All in favor / no oppose
Motion carried

Possible State Web hosting: Chief reported there would be some cost savings but there is about a year waiting list to transition over. Board agreed to revisit.

GSA Website: Discussion to add Chief Barnett to GSA website as purchaser. David Anderson was for Board in the past. Board agreed to add Chief.

June Board Meeting: Fred will be out of town. To hold meeting, Chair would go to senior board member, which is Lisa. Discussed possibility of canceling June meeting.

Motion by Madonna to cancel June Meeting.
John Second
All in favor / no oppose
Motion carried

Chief will post public notice of cancellation of June meeting.

Board Chairman: Board recertification was end of April. Was there interest in changing offices. Additionally, Fred would like to step down as Chairman for personal reasons as well as the betterment of the Board. He would, however, like to continue to head the Dynamite Shoot. Discussed, and agreed, to transition so that by December someone could step into Chairman role.

Motion by Lisa to retain positions as is
Madonna Second
All in favor / no oppose
Motion carried

Public Input

Ray offered his personal revolving credit account to assist the department in the costly engine repairs. Although Fred expressed his appreciation, he is almost certain it would not be legal to do so.

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

Adjourned at 8:32pm