

GATEWAY - UNAWEEP FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



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Board Meeting Minutes April 26, 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, John, Tim Moore, interim City Manager of Grand Junction, and Phyllis Norris, Mayor of Grand Junction

Minutes from 3/22/16 Meeting approved as submitted.

No bills and/or appropriations.

No Hearings

Mayor Norris and Tim Moore attended meeting to express concern for public safety regarding the inadequate financial means for Mesa County communications center and to hear concerns from the Board on how this affects the Gateway community. Main purpose is to hear ideas for additional funding needed. Mayor Norris felt a county-wide sales tax would be the best approach, which would be possible in place for a November 2017 vote. Mayor Norris and Mr. Moore departed prior to Board discussion on Agenda.

Fire Chief's Report

March: 4 incidents; 2 medical, 2 brush fires; fire danger moderate to low; Mesa County is taking over burn permits, including penalties/fines.

Station: continue to clean station and will have ready for May 8 garbage day; remodel of station to accommodate living space; John (new Community Club leader) will present remodel/restructure idea to Club

Personnel: would like to transfer contract labor classification to part time; Chief & Dormaier on 20 days is not sustainable; housing is #1 complaint

Equipment:

- Ambulance 121: numerous projects; overdue for maintenance; David Dormaier has quote for someone to come down for annual maintenance; now have funds to take care of
- Ambulance 122: sold and gone
- Brush 122 – Ray got generators, skid & cooler on; future projection is to sell
- Tender 121: no change
- Have several items 'red flagged' for immediate attention; cost for repairs to Brush 121 approximately \$450

Finance:

- Insurance carrier made error, will have refund; requested quote from alternative carrier to check rates

Events & Training:

- Chief, D Dormaier, A Rencon, J Wood all completed wild land training April 13

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

- Golf outing May 19 – EMS appreciation week

Meetings:

- Communications – will refund 2015 fees, approximately \$3,500; will contribute approximately \$20,000 for improvements
- Mesa County Chief – will wait until resolution and will update Board at that time
- EMS Council – writing grant for David Dormaier \$3,000 EMT for June

Chairman's Report

- Spoke with John Williams regarding accessing PID funds; John needs data to take to county to support request; Fred asked John to meet with Chief and share budget data
- Potential grant available to apply to student loans, either past or future loan, but recipient must be volunteer

Treasurer's Report

Department account - \$0.70

District account - \$55,772.82

Payroll - \$17,303.18

Unfinished Business

Spring Dynamite Shoot

We are ready to go – have a lot of face book hits and anticipate good weather

Mill Levy update

In order to meet yearly needs, department needs additional \$117,000; mill would have to be raised to 12; if possible to utilize community building for housing department would need to raise to 10. The 5 mill increase is strictly allocated to operational expenses.

Need to agree on levy and create letter to community to get things rolling. Board is in agreement to rail to 10 mill

Budget Reconciliation & Staffing Model

Will need to change staffing pattern, moving from contract labor to part time; attorney says as long as individuals are in agreement we can change their contract. David Dormaier can stay contract as is or to new model, the only caveat to changing is that he is guaranteed 20 days unless by his choice it's reduced. David is in agreement to change. Alex and James are okay with shifting to new structure.

Instead of mileage of \$21/day, this will be redirected to account earmarked for individual for health exams, vaccinations, PPE, uniforms and training.

Board is not changing the budget, rather reconfiguring within the budget. Need to minimize costs in all areas.

Chief proposes he has authority to make expenditures without Board approval. Fred expressed his opinion that the Board shouldn't be working/running budget but rather Chief should be as long as spending does not exceed income. In the last few years it was necessary for Board to take control.

It was agreed from this point forward Chief will meet with Jeannie and if in line with budget, Chief will have authority without Board approval to make purchase/expenditure. Board will continue to review/oversee budget.

Need to adjust David Dormaier and Chief pay to fall in line with the daily rate allocated for ALS/BLS personnel.

Chief Barnett requested removal of Gateway residency requirement; would like the availability to move to Grand Junction. Assured Board this will not interfere with work schedule. Board agreed to remove requirement.

Board agreed to pay \$25/hour for Chief to attend meetings when not on duty, to be paid on a quarterly basis. Examples of meetings to be compensated for: Squad meeting, Q6Q1, Chief Meeting, EMS Council etc.

Motion by Lisa to accept change in staffing model with the restructured budget with the version presented 4/26/16 and over period of time with Board discretion transfer management of budget to Chief with Board oversight.

Madonna Second

All in favor / no oppose

Motion carried

Fred will begin working on new contracts for new staffing model and will address \$21/shift verbage.

New Business

Board email addresses

Suggested to move all Board member to GUFD email addresses.

Motion by Madonna to assign all Board members to GUFD email address

Lisa Second

All in favor / no oppose

Motion carried

Purchase and expenditures

Approximately \$1,885 for Engine 121 repairs.

Motion by John to make repairs to Engine 121 listed as 'red items'

Lisa Second

All in favor / no oppose

Motion carried

Public Input

Ray suggested selling bonds instead of mill levy increase. Fred explained that bonds were a one time only deal and for a specific purpose, as in a new building.

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

Adjourned at 9:27pm