



DEER MOUNTAIN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 17, 2018 @ 1800 hours.

CALL TO ORDER: Larry Kincaid

Directors present: Larry Kincaid, Gary Pickens, Patti Myers, Sunny Pressler. (Absent-Paul Razmussen)

PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE - lead by Larry Kincaid

CHANGES TO AGENDA - Gary Pickens requested that they move Acceptant of Paul's Resignation and Interviewing of Vacant Board Members after Approval of December meeting minutes as he had asked Larry previously to have this on the agenda. No Second. Motion did not pass.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES – Larry Kincaid motioned to approve the December meeting minutes. Sunny seconded. Discussion. Make amendment to minutes to state that Red Suspenders has set a use fee of \$25.00. The board has not voted on a decision in the matter of the use of the community building. Motion passed with the modification to minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Beginning Checkbook Balance December 1, 2017		215,163.62
6272 CR 28 Payment	360.00	
Medical Income	3673.85	
State Fire Payments	16588.07	
Cost of Goods Sold	115.00	
Fremont Co Tax	<u>6,958.23</u>	
Total Income	27,695.15	
Total Expenses	33,911.	
Ending Checkbook Balance		200,062.02
Other Available Funds:		
Brush Truck Debit Card	1,286.35	
Capital Improvements Reserve	19,834.32	
Emergency Reserves	50,404.69	
TOTAL Available funds as of December 30,2017		271,587.38

- Patti Myers explained that \$5,000 was deposited in Erik Johnson's personal account to cover travel expenses for the Engine that went to the California fires. She said she called all board members for their approval.
- Patti Myers explained discrepancies between Quickbooks and bank statements as 3 deposits made were missing from Quickbooks.
- Gary Pickens asked Patti Myers if checks over \$500.00 are going out with out two signatures. Patti said not that she is aware of. Gary informed her that there are a lot. Larry said that the rule was temporarily suspended, for awhile because Gary was the only authorized signer on the bank account. The suspension has been lifted. Larry stated that the decision to suspend two signatures was not voted on by the board.
- Gary asked Larry why he could not get bank statements from the bank when he is an authorized signer on the account. The bank refused to give them to Gary and told Gary that Larry would not allow it when they called Larry for permission even though Larry should not have to give permission as Gary is authorized on the account. Gary also indicated that he's not getting reports in advance so that he can review them.
- Gary pointed out that the \$11,500, from the sale of the LMTV truck, that he gave to Patti, has not shown up on any of the treasurer's report.
- A vote was made to approve the treasurer's report with no motion and no second.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Larry states that the invoice from the company that is selling the new ambulance to DMFPD that requires DMFPD to pay approximately a \$39,000 fee up front. Should have the ambulance here within the next couple of week.

STATION REPORT:

- Jason states that there were 21 calls last month, 18 EMS calls and 3 fires
 - New tender is in. New batteries were required. When they tried to draft with it, there were issues.
 - Eric Moore was asked to discuss the wood chipper. He would like to see it put on the CRRF agreement so it could go to National Fires and earn a rate of \$60/hour (according to the 2014 rates) and a \$480/day minimum.
- Another option would be to lease the Chipper out for approx. \$300/day.
- **Pump on Type 3 & Type 6** – Jason plans to swap out the pump on one of the Engines and bump the truck down from Type 3 to a type 6. Eric Moore explained issues with the Gross Vehicle Weight.
 - Brian said they met with Stryker and someone is going to help him with a 90% grant. No approval done.
 - **Minimum wage increase**

EMS

- Steve reported 21 patient contacts since last meeting and that the new PCR system has been implemented that was mandated by the state. Staffing is continuing at station one and after 4pm they are ensuring that someone is available for calls.

SECTION REPORTS:

Insurance – Sunny says she needs a list of all the current firefighters.

Communications – Larry says they are talking about getting a phone line run to the other building. He gave the

The options from CenturyLink.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Update on New Ambulance** – already provided the update
- **Update on Purchase of Used Vehicle** – no update
- **Update on purchase of Equipment form Fremont Co** – not discussed
- **Update on Indian Springs** – Larry and Jason and Brian Smith met with Indian Springs personnel. They have agreed to sit down with the county to develop a plan. Nancy Reed will try to set up a meeting.
- **Update on Letter sent out on 18th Trail** – Larry doesn't know what this is. Patti explained. That there are residents that would like 18th trail opened up to that they aren't trapped in the event of a fire. There was a letter of support given to the county previously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Approval of Resignation of Paul Razmussen & Bank Resolution** – Paul resigned effective December 29, 2017. Larry motioned to accept Paul's resignation. Sunny Seconded. Motion carries.
Larry presented Resolution 20180117 to remove Paul from the District Bank accounts. Larry Motioned to adopt the resolution. Sunny Seconded. Motion carried.
- **Establish Date of Interviews to Fill Vacant Board Position** – Larry stated that the interviews are done in an open meeting and 5 applications have been received. Rob Adams, J.R. Niblett, Karen Fritsche, Patrick Smith & Fred Gehrke presented their qualifications and goals for the board.
Larry motioned to set on the next agenda a line item to fill the vacant board position. Patti seconded. Motion passed.
Patti Motioned to have the vacant board position on the agenda at the beginning of the meeting. Larry Seconded. Motion carries.
- **Cost of CORA** – Colorado Open Records Act. Larry indicated that they started receiving many CORA requests beginning in September. Larry makes a motion that a fee of \$40 be required with CORA requests. Motion seconded. Discussion: It was pointed out to Larry, by a public member, that in order to change the rates, the District's CORA policy would need to be updated and approved by the board and filed with DOLA, and that there are laws that regulate how much can be charged for CORA requested and that the first hour must be provided for free. It was also pointed out to Larry that prior to this board there were very few CORA requests and they are receiving all these requests because they are not being transparent. Gary suggested that more investigation be done to make a decision on this, and to do it at the next meeting. Patti pointed out that she thinks these charges are unreasonable. Larry motioned to table this until the next meeting. Patti seconded. Motion to table carries.
- **Pay Scale Increase Due to Increase in Minimum Wage** – Larry discussed that there are 3 pay scales and that Driver level is paid minimum wage. Due to the minimum wage increase all levels must get and increase.

Larry motions to pay Drivers 10.20, EMT Basic 11.20 and EMT Intermediate 12.20. It was seconded. During Discussion it was pointed out to the board by a public member that the increases were not fair based on their current rates. Larry called for a vote. Motion passed. Patti abstained.

- **Status of Resignation Submitted by Chief Gowdy** - Jason said that he wanted this position temporarily and he wants the District to look for a chief that has more to offer. He said he will stay on to help with the transition. Jason said he has no time frame.
- Larry said the process will need to be started for a new fire chief. J.R. Niblett volunteers to help and Larry asks J.R. to be on the committee. A new resident, retired Chief of Copper Mountain, also volunteers to help and Larry asks them to see him after the meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT:

- Elaine Foster points out that she has requested documents for months and was passed around and then received an email from Larry calling her deceitful and unprofessional because she went to the treasurer and CORA administrator to ask for the documents. Patti, treasurer, said she would provide the documents after the meeting as she found out today that the bank statements were in the filing cabinet. Elaine called for Larry's resignation. Gary asks once again for access to the bank statements from the bank. Larry says he doesn't have that power. Yet the Bank called Larry for permission to give Gary the bank statements. He denied getting a call from the bank. Elaine called for Larry's resignation again due to lack of transparency. Gary agreed with Elaine. The public agreed.
- Karen McKee - Stated that in the previous 3 years there were about 3 CORA requests. She stated that the reason this board is getting so many CORA requests is because they are hiding things from the public as follows: This board quit itemizing all transactions in their reports for both the public and the board members with out approval by the board itself. The board quit approving the bills report and that all actions of the board are to be approved (requires a vote) in a properly announced public meeting. The profit and loss budget report is to be presented to the board and printed for the public after every quarter – this wasn't done for today nor was it done in the October meeting. Last month Larry said at the board meeting, that \$5,000 was put into the brush truck debt account for the firefighters to use for travel expenses to California. Larry flat out lied to the public and the other board members. The \$5,000 went into Erik Johnson's account. Karen went on to tell Larry that he held an illegal board meeting on October 18th as Larry motioned to Adjourn the meeting and that motion passed. A meeting cannot be continued unless you state in that meeting when you are continuing it. Continuation was not stated in the meeting. Three of you went into an illegal meeting, not properly announced or posted. She also pointed out that on November 15th Larry said he was going to reduce insurance costs by lowering coverage, yet the board hasn't approved doing so. She repeated Elaine's request to resign. Larry denied the illegal meeting. Though they turned out the lights, told everyone to leave and Board member's, Gary and Paul, even left.
- Sheriff Deputy intervened.
- Eric Moore stated he was disappointed in everyone. He asked people to follow proper channels to get the information that they want.
- Unknown person suggested putting up a suggestion box and to end the meeting so that he could go home and go to bed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: No announcements made.

ADJOURNMENT – Larry Motioned to adjourn the meeting. Sunny seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm