

LA VETA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
La Veta Fire Station
100 Birch Street
La Veta, Colorado

MINUTES

December 14, 2017
4:00 P.M.

Present: Directors Nielsen, Heikes and Shroul were in attendance. Directors Littlefield and Walker were excused due to work and personal reasons.
Staff: Fire Chief DeTray, EMS Director Schmidt, District Secretary Pezze
Guests: Asst. Chief Mower, Jim Berg

Call to Order – Pledge - Roll Call

The meeting was called to order, the Pledge of Allegiance was given, roll call was taken and Director Nielsen, presiding as Board Chairman, welcomed all those in attendance.

Approval of Agenda

MSA: The December 14, 2017 Agenda was approved.

Minutes

MSA: * Minutes of the November 9, 2017 regular meeting were approved as presented.

Public Comments

None

Guests, Correspondence, and Presenters

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report and payments for the December 14, 2017 meeting were presented.

MSA: The Board approved the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Wildfire Mitigation Service (WMS) Report

Fire Chief DeTray advised that the FEMA grant is closing out and he, Huerfano County Mitigation Manager, Paul Branson and Sec. Pezze are working on the final reporting. Tom Coseno is working on firewood cutting, splitting and distribution with LVFPD paying his wages. Those wages will be reimbursed to the District by Huerfano County on the FEMA grant. The County is submitting another Request for Reimbursement to the State and FEMA in February, 2018 so Sec. Pezze is working on the LVFPD documentation needed for that and several other remaining items.

EMS Director Report

- 1) 10 EMS runs with 6 patients transported in November, 2017.
- 2) Attended RETAC meeting on Nov. 16 in Pueblo. Next meeting will be in January 2018.
- 3) Have received reimbursement of \$613.40 on the CREATE grant for Dennis Ceremuga's class expenses.
- 4) Have received all the radios and pagers on the CDPHE grant and will be working on the reimbursement process.
- 5) 2 EMT class students, Warren and Waldrop, still need to schedule and pass their National Registry tests. Michael Warren's annual incentive check has been reduced by \$500.00 as payback for the EMT class in case he does not complete the National Registry and certification requirement. If he gets his certification the District will pay Warren the \$500.00.
- 6) Held EMS Training on Nov. 7, 2017 with Tyler Schmidt teaching on the subject of capnography. 9 EMS Volunteers were in attendance. There was also a training on Dec. 12, 2017. Marc Biggins will also be doing trainings.
- 7) Ambulance licensing for 2018 has been completed and signed by the Huerfano County Commissioners.

***MSA = Moved, Seconded and Approved (unanimously unless otherwise indicated).**

Fire Chief Report

- 1) No Fire calls in November.
- 2) Fire Trainings in November: Nov. 1, 2017 on room search for victims and entanglement box exercise with 9 Firefighters in attendance. Nov. 10, 2017 was Stn. 1 cleaning and work day with 3 Firefighters in attendance. Nov. 18, 2017 on engine driving safety with 9 Firefighters in attendance.
- 3) 2 new applications: Robert Velie and Alex Ayers.
- 4) Information requested by I.S.O. has been completed and submitted.
- 5) 9 AmeriCore volunteers spent 2 days washing and cleaning all apparatus, painting the new locker room floors and cleaning the station. LVFPD provided lunches for the volunteers.
- 6) Pump repairs are complete on 6611 (1997 Ford Brush Truck) and cost was \$1,482.92. Also replaced 4 tires for a cost of \$803.00.
- 7) Replaced 6 tires on 7621 (2004 Ford Brush Truck) for a cost of \$1,222.00.
- 8) Repairs, lube and oil service on Comm. 2 (2008 Ford Expedition) for a cost of \$185.00.
- 9) Presented the renewal lease agreement on the 2 apparatus (1991 Ford Tender and 1966 Kaiser Jeep Tender) owned by the CO Division of Fire Prevention and Control. At some point in the future the LVFPD may be able to become the owner of the 1991 Ford Tender but, at this time, the Division does not have provisions for that action.
- 10) Presented the renewal agreement on the I Am Responding paging system and recommends approving it for a 3 year term with annual payments.

MSA: The Board approved the 2 applications of Robert Velie and Alex Ayers contingent upon clear background and drug checks.

MSA: The Board approved the renewal lease agreement with CO Division of Fire Prevention and Control for the 1991 Ford Tender and 1966 Kaiser Jeep Tender.

MSA: The Board approved the renewal agreement with I Am Responding on a 3 year term with annual payments of \$735.00.

Old Business

The final 2018 Budget was presented.

MSA: The Board approved and adopted the 2018 Budget and Budget Message as presented. The Board approved certifying the mill levy of 5.903 to the Huerfano County Commissioners for a property tax revenue of \$192,913 in the year 2018. Resolutions as follows were also approved:

The Board approved and signed the Resolution to Adopt the 2018 Budget.

The Board approved and signed the Resolution to Set Mill Levies at 5.903 for the budget year 2018.

The Board approved and signed the Resolution to Appropriate Monies for the budget year 2018.

Director Walker has more information on the volunteer firefighter pension fund and will present that in a future meeting. Chief DeTray advised that the cost of the program may be sizable and the Board will need to take careful consideration due to declining property tax revenue.

New Business

None.

MSA: The meeting adjourned at 4:41 PM.



Shannon R. Shrou, Secretary