

Fire District 16 Minutes Commissioners Work Meeting

Meeting Date- Nov. 9, 2009

Attendance

Commissioners- Roger Prater, Sam Wright, Mike Woelke
Fire Chief- Tim Kenyon, Treasurer- Lucy Bauer, Secretary- Ken Thompson
Bob Bauer, Yvonne Kennedy

6:00 PM- Roger brought the meeting to order. Roger read the agenda and the minutes from the last meeting. The meeting minutes were revised then approved.

Lucy provided a budget summary:

\$12,961.17 was in our account at the beginning of November.

Vouchers presented for the commissioners to review and sign:

\$ 98.00 Board of Volunteer Firefighters

\$ 25.00 Air bottle refill

\$ 23.69 Midway Building Supply

\$ 18.40 Visa card payment

Fire Chief- A heart attack in the Aeneas Valley Area highlighted the advantage of having a “medical aid unit” available in the valley. Tim asked the commissioners to consider funding an aid unit to provide medical assistance to residents in the fire district. Tonasket may donate a vehicle. It is unknown if this vehicle will come stocked with first aid supplies. If not it may cost about \$2,500 to stock it. Tim will continue to investigate the potential donation by Tonasket.

Yvonne pointed out that Loomis operates an aid unit in cooperation with Tonasket EMS. Aeneas Valley may be able to start a similar program. Yvonne discussed what the potential aid unit would be able to do and what it couldn't do. During the time Tonasket EMS is traveling the scene, the Aeneas Valley aid unit could provide an initial first aid response (such as CPR, oxygen, stabilize bleeding, and treat shock). Tonasket EMS would provide EMT care and provide all transportation to local hospitals. The Aeneas Valley aid unit would assist Tonasket EMS on the scene.

Possible grants for an aid unit were discussed. The commissioners want to determine what Tonasket will donate and then review the budget. The commissioners will likely accept the donation of the Tonasket aid unit if it is offered. The aid unit is considered a high priority for the fire district.

Tim discussed maintenance needs for tender 1611 and 1612. Costs were estimated to be about \$700 and a detailed list will be provided for our next work meeting.

Training was discussed. Mike provided an update on pending grants.

The property purchase for the fire district has been completed. A building for fire district vehicles and equipment will eventually be built on the site.

A “Certificate of Sufficiency” was provided by the County to the commissioners verifying that at least 60 percent of the registered voter’s signatures within the proposed annexation area had been verified.

Roger read a letter of appreciation to Laurie Thomas, Okanogan County, for the work she and her staff provided for the recent annexation effort.

Talk of additional annexation was discussed. Lessons learned during this last annexation will be applied to any future actions.

Tim reported work on a fuel tank for the fire district is almost finished and a location to place it is being sought. A cover will probably need to be built over the tank to protect it from the elements.

The need for off-site data back-up was discussed.

Mike discussed a possible meeting to inform residents of the newly annexed area, the services the fire district will provide.

Budget planning and budget guidelines were discussed at length. A proposed operational budget for the fire district will be drafted by Tim. The commissioners will provide additional budget priorities and fiscal insight. As part of the December work meeting, budget priorities from Tim and from the commissioners will be reviewed and discussed with the objective of establishing a working budget for the fire district.

Yvonne asked to step down as the fire district public relations representative. The commissioners thanked her for all the work she has done. A new public relations representative for the fire district is being sought.

It was noted that since district startup Tim has donated all monies generated by his water tender on DNR fires back to the fire district. Tim has not kept any of the DNR monies and has donated everything back to the fire district since district startup.

The next commissioners work meeting is scheduled for December 14th at 6:00 PM at the Tonasket Elementary School. Budget issues will be a major topic.

8:25- The meeting was adjourned.