

Fire District 16 Minutes

Commissioners Work Meeting

Meeting Date- Dec 14, 2009

Attendance

Commissioners- Roger Prater, Mike Woelke
Fire Chief- Tim Kenyon, Secretary- Ken Thompson
Yvonne Kennedy, Donna Prater

- 6:08 PM- Roger brought the meeting to order and read the agenda. The minutes from the Nov. 9th meeting were approved.
- Financial Data- Lucy was unable to attend so Mike provided the financial summary. Mike presented eleven bills totaling \$2,431.56 for the commissioners to review, discuss, and approve. Mike discussed the budget and noted \$15,084.06 was available at the beginning of tonight's meeting.
- The Fire District responded to a structure fire this month. When the Fire District arrived a shed was fully engulfed with fire. A secure perimeter was established and the fire was allowed to burn out.

Budget and Spending Priorities Discussion-

The commissioners began a discussion about priorities for spending money for the remainder of this year and for 2010. Budgets for fire districts are difficult because income, expenditures, and grants are quite variable. Acknowledging this variability, each commissioner and the fire chief provided a prioritized list of spending categories to the group. Sam was unable to attend, but had provided a written list of his spending priorities. Mike also provided an Excel spreadsheet that showed "month-by-month" an estimate of probable income to the fire district and probable expenses. Using this information an "Effective Balance" of available funds was generated for each month for 2010. A color graph showing this information was also provided to help everyone understand what the expected funds could be for each month. This aid helped everyone visualize how budget decisions made during the year could affect available monies throughout 2010.

As part of the discussions critical funding priorities were established but details need to be hammered out during future work meetings. The commissioners agreed to provide Tim \$3,000 for needed upgrades and repairs for two tenders and, in concert with Yvonne, to stock an "aid vehicle" with needed first aid supplies. A vehicle is already available but this vehicle needs to be stocked with first aid supplies. Discussions with Tonasket are ongoing about a potential donation of an additional aid-unit vehicle for Aeneas Valley.

This Aeneas Valley "aid vehicle" and trained fire district personnel will provide an initial first aid response (such as CPR, oxygen, stabilize bleeding and shock) while Tonasket EMS is on route to the scene. Tonasket EMS will provide advanced emergency response and also provide transportation to local hospitals.

- Lee Woelke was appointed as the new public relations liaison for the fire district replacing Yvonne who asked to step down from the position. The commissioners wish to thank Yvonne for all her hard work during her term as public relations liaison.
- A new treasurer for the fire district was discussed to replace Lucy who would like to step down from the position.

Grants- Mike said he had no new grant information. Roger provided information on a possible Wal-Mart grant.

- A proposal to sell surplus trucks was discussed.
- A future community meeting is being planned to outline services the fire district will provide to the newly annexed areas and to answer questions from Aeneas Valley residents.
- Archiving Fire District computer information was discussed. Archiving data would be useful incase of a catastrophic computer failure of any of the fire district personnel's computers.
- The property purchase is complete. This property will be used for future Aeneas Valley Fire District buildings.

Mike Woelke was sworn in as commissioner for position no. 2 of the Aeneas Valley Fire District by Roger Prater.

8:16 PM- The meeting was adjourned.

Chairperson

Commissioner

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