

Fire District 16
Commissioners Work Session Minutes

Meeting Date- February 13, 2017
Meeting Place- 20 Bench Creek Road Aeneas Valley

Attendance-
Commissioners- Mike Woelke, Bob Bauer, Rick Baker
Fire Chief- Gene Jones, Treasurer- Glenna Jones, Secretary- Ken Thompson

6:00 PM- Mike brought the meeting to order and discussed tonight's agenda. Mike made a motion to approve the January 9th minutes. Rick seconded the motion. The commissioners voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

Glenna provided the January treasurer's report-

County Account

\$ 42,584.54	Balance at the beginning of the month
\$ 3,384.42	Bills paid
\$ 163.38	Income from taxes
\$ 94.09	PUD refund
\$ 39,457.59	Balance at the end of the month 39,457.89??

Savings Account

\$ 25,134.19	Balance at the beginning of the month
\$ 11.79	Interest paid
\$ 25,145.98	Balance at the end of the month

Bills submitted this meeting for payment approval-

\$ 1,036.39

Glenna provided billing details for the commissioners to review. After review, Mike made a motion to approve payment of these bills. Bob seconded the motion. The commissioners voted unanimously to approve funding for these bills, which will be submitted to the County for payment via a voucher dated 02/13/2017. Year-to-date financial information can be viewed at http://aeneasvalleyfire.com/district_info/minutes_budget_info (then click on **Year to date financial info**).

Gene provided the fire chief's report-

- The fire district didn't respond to any calls last month
- The Tonasket School Board ask if they could use our fire hall for their meeting on April 21st. Moving their meetings to various locations in the county is seen as a way to get more public involvement. After discussion Mike made a motion to approve the request and Bob seconded the motion. The commissioners voted unanimously to approve the request.
- The legal process to provide an easement to get electrical power to the fire station is closer to approval. An update will be provided at our next meeting.

Old Business-

- Mike and Gene met to discuss a preliminary internal budget for the fire district. Mike provided a handout that prioritized potential projects and approximate costs. Meeting participants were asked to review the list and bring comments back to our next meeting.
- Mike discussed a memorial for fire district volunteers that have died. Mike has found a plaque that has the capacity for several memorials. After discussing several possibilities Mike made a motion to purchase the plaque. Bob seconded the motion. The commissioners voted unanimously to purchase the plaque.
- Gene discussed a water tank and other equipment needed to build a tender for our newly acquired 4x4 Freightliner. Gene presented several bids he has acquired for this equipment and recommend one company. After discussion Mike made a motion to purchase the tank and other equipment for about \$30,000 from the company Gene recommended. Bob seconded the motion. The commissioners voted unanimously to purchase the equipment.

New business-

- Additional storage requirements for the fire station were discussed. A 40 foot container appears to be the best solution. Mike made a motion to purchase a 40 foot container and Bob seconded the motion. The commissioners voted unanimously to approve the purchase. The container will be purchased in the spring.
- Personally Owned Vehicles (POVs) used by fire district volunteers were discussed. In the winter, POV's are used routinely for medical calls. What happens if a POV is damaged during an official response? Can the fire district compensate the volunteer for the damage? The current policy is that using a POV is a personal choice and the fire district cannot compensate the volunteer for damage to the POV. This should be made clear to the volunteers at our next training meeting. The commissioners and fire chief will look into what other fire districts do and report back at a future meeting.

There were no public comments.

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 13th at 6:00 PM at 20 Bench Creek Road Aeneas Valley.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mike and seconded by Rick.

7:16 PM- The meeting was adjourned.

Chairperson

Commissioner

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