

Fire District 16
Commissioners Work Session Minutes

Meeting Date- March 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 February 13th minutes. Bob seconded the motion. The commissioners voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

Glenna provided the October treasurer's report-

County Account

\$ 39,457.59 Balance at the beginning of the month
\$ 1,036.39 Bills paid
\$ 2,426.63 Income from taxes
\$ 40,847.83 Balance at the end of the month

Savings Account

\$ 25,145.98 Balance at the beginning of the month
\$ 10.40 Interest paid
\$ 25,156.38 Balance at the end of the month

Bills submitted this meeting for payment approval-

\$ 16,732.45

Glenna provided billing details for the commissioners to review. After review, Mike made a motion to approve payment of these bills. Rick 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 03/13/2017. 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 responded to four aid calls last month.
- Gene is distributing four brush trucks to specific fire fighter's residents. This will allow the firefighters to respond to emergencies using a fire district vehicle rather than their personally owned vehicle.
- Gene has purchased a water tank and other components needed to build our new water tender. Gene was able to save hundreds of dollars on the equipment by shopping several vendors.
- Gene is researching using a fire district aid car vs using a fire district ambulance to respond to medical calls. The aid car concept may be an advantage during winter months and accessing difficult roads in Aeneas Valley.

Old Business-

- There have been no changes to the status of installing electrical power to the fire station.
- Mike and Gene will continue to meet to discuss and finalize an internal fire district budget.

- Mike provided more details on a plaque to memorialize fire district personnel who have died. Wording on the plaque was discussed. Mike will present his recommendation at our next Commissioners meeting.
- Using Personally Owned Vehicles (POVs) and the fire district's ability to support POVs was discussed. The commissioners determined more information was needed. Rick will investigate further.
- Additional storage for the fire station will be discussed this spring.

New business-

- A discussion to name our fire station "Kenyon Station" in honor of Tim Kenyon who died while serving the fire district as fire chief was led by Mike. A motion to name the fire station in honor of Tim was made by Mike and seconded by Rick. The commissioners voted unanimously to name the fire station "Kenyon Station".
- Installing a lock for the door between our meeting room and the garage area of the fire station was discussed. This would provide security when the meeting room was being used by invited groups. A sign for the door that reads "Authorized Personnel Only" is also needed. Mike made a motion to purchase the door lock and sign and Rick seconded the motion. The commissioners voted unanimously to purchase the lock and sign.
- Mike discussed the need to post required legal notices on a bulletin board in the fire hall. The commissioners agreed to post the notices.
- A discussion to compensate Gene for the considerable work he does and the vehicles and construction equipment he provides was led by Mike. More information is needed. The Tonasket Fire District and the County Auditor may be able to provide recommendations. The commissioners will research the possibilities further.
- Glenna representing the the "Aeneas Valley Community Association" requested permission to use the fire hall to hold some of their meetings. After discussion Mike made a motion to allow the Association to use the fire hall and Rick seconded the motion. The commissioners voted unanimously to allow the Association to use the fire hall.

There were no public comments.

Our next meeting is scheduled for April 10th at 6:00 PM at 20 Bench Creek Road Aeneas Valley.

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

7:13 PM- The meeting was adjourned

Chairperson

Commissioner

Commissioner