

Aspen Fire Protection District

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Board of Directors Regular Meeting March 10, 2020

Meeting called to order by Karl at 4:09pm

Roll Call:

- Board of Directors: Karl Adam, Stoney Davis, Denis Murray, Dave (Wabs) Walbert, John Ward
- Absent:
- Staff/Volunteers: Rick Balentine, Parker Lathrop, Jan Schubert, Nikki Lapin, Michael Holmes, Ken Josselyn, Charlie Curtis, Ryan Warren, Eugenia Acevedo (*recruit*), Jacob Arywitz, Justine Levine (*recruit*), Shawn Hoover (*recruit*), Larry Feinman (*recruit*), Will Hardenbough (*recruit*).
- Public/Others: Karl Hanlon, Michael Buglione

Executive Session:

Motion by Karl A. to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matter pursuant to §24-6-402(4)(f), C.R.S., and conference with attorney for the public entity for the purpose of receiving legal advice pursuant to §24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S. Wabs second. All Approved.

Regular meeting resumed.

Approval of Action Items/Minutes:

- **Motion by Denis to approve minutes from Regular Meeting on February 11, 2020. Karl A. second. All approved.**

Public Comments:

- New recruit members present were introduced to the board members.

Good of District:

- Due to current COVID 19 situation, there will be limited access to the station for the good of district and responders.
- The EMR class will start Monday, March 16th. Classes will be held at Aspen Fire headquarters.
- There is hand sanitizer around station. A doorbell has been placed on front door with ability to speak to guests.
- The DAV event has been cancelled.
- Rooms at North 40 station were used for Shining Stars event last week.
- A thank you letter was received from widow of the fallen firefighter in Summit County for the donation made.
- ISO review will be coming up in July. Last one was done in 2015. Staff will be working with water districts to prepare, along with discussion with other agencies in regards to auto aid.

Chief/CEO Report (5:50pm):

- Training report was given. This will be part of board packet/meeting in future. Larry Feinman, return recruit, spoke to the improvement of the training from when he started in the previous class. John requested more detail information on who is getting their training complete. The SOP for training requirements has been revamped to make it more understandable and clearer expectations.
- The truck check policy has been better defined to ensure apparatus is ready when needed.
- Wildfire Mapping Project is ready to launch. It is on hold for now until COVID media dies down. Rick gave overview of the project.
- Aspen Police department will be changing response to alarm policy. Aspen Police will not be going to any fire alarm calls unless requested by Aspen Fire.

Financials:

- The end of year FPPA report was included in board packet. On the last actuarial the district was \$1.5 million unfunded liability. The beginning of 2019 the fund was worth \$2.5 million and at the end of the year it was worth \$3 million. The district contributed \$582,000 and the state contributed \$40,000. The benefits distributed was approximately \$300,000. The goal of the board for the past several years has been to drive the liability down.

Board Member Action Items/Comments:

- Nikki sent out a google sign-up sheet for board attendance at Aspen Fire operational meeting. Rick would like to have a family night for the next meeting. It may be moved to a Thursday, instead of Wednesday to accommodate several members attending EMR class.

Old Business

- Airport MOU: Rick met with John Peacock, Pitkin County Manager. There is an acceptable Mutual Aid Agreement that is under current review.
- ESCI: The board will meet on March 16th, 12:00 pm to 3:00pm to go over technical review. This will be an executive session.
- North 40 Update: Rick and Paul Broome will be attending the North 40 HOA meeting in April to give them an update on plans submitted to Planning and Zoning. Denis gave the board a further overview. There was discussion on what it would take to get the project to net zero and what costs would be associated with it.

New Business:

- CO Detectors: Jan Legersky received some more from the Zach Burn Foundation. Several are kept on the engines to be given out when needed. They are also handed out at public events. It was suggested adding a link on the website.
- Michael Buglione introduced himself. He will be running for one of the two open seats during May 5th election.

Motion by John to adjourn meeting. Wabs second. All approved. (6:10pm)

* Full recording of this meeting is available upon request to the District Administrator or on the website at www.aspenfire.com.