

# Aspen Fire Protection District

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## Board of Directors Regular Meeting February 12, 2018

**Meeting called to order by Denis at 5:10**

### **Roll Call:**

- Board of Directors: Stoney Davis, Denis Murray, Dave (Wabs) Walbert, John Ward
- Absent: Karl Adam
- Staff/Volunteers: Rick Balentine, Parker Lathrop, Jan Schubert, Nikki Lapin, Mike Haman
- Public/Others: Karl Hanlon

### **Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion by Wabs to approve minutes from Regular Meeting on January 8, 2019. Denis Second. All Approved.**

### **Public Comment:**

- Mike Haman requested to be added to next month's agenda to discuss housing items. There has been discussion between the Housing Committee if purchasing current housing in the area would be an option. There was discussion if the board was open to buying property or should the committee continue focus on building. After much discussion, the board directed committee to focus on North 40 project and if there are funds remaining then further discussion can be had about other options, such as purchasing in town housing.

### **Good of District:**

- DAV is coming back to town in March. Honor Guard has been asked to post colors during opening and closing ceremonies.

### **Financials:**

- Received bill for \$3,300 from Pitkin County for participating in the November election.
- Funds from Capital Outlay were spent on accessories for the new ATV. This will include lights and sirens.
- Worker's Compensation: The \$25,000 is preliminary for 2019 as the 2018 audit for worker's compensation was just completed. They will send an invoice for any overage. The budget is \$40,000. Nikki explained the process. There were two minor claims in 2018. There are several programs in place to help with firefighter and staff health/wellbeing.

### **Board of Directors:**

- Board Member sign up for monthly operations meetings: Wabs will attend March 6<sup>th</sup>, Denis April 3<sup>rd</sup>, John May 1<sup>st</sup> and Stoney June 5<sup>th</sup>. The July meeting will be held end of June.

### **CEO/Fire Chief**

- Wildfire Engines: The State has some Type 6 engines they are giving away. One would require approximately \$20,000 to fix with only 36,000 miles on it. This could be stationed at Starwood. Engine 65 currently has some issues with lights going out in cabin.
- Next month Rick will report on call numbers.
- Disciplinary Reviews: After 2018, two members did not complete requirements for member in good standing. After going in front of Disciplinary Committee, one member is back in good standing.
- Aspen Village: Rick hopes to have a budget number by next week on general concept to build out.
- Headquarters Boiler: This went out again this week. There is engineer coming in tomorrow, February 13<sup>th</sup>, to take a look at it. Rick was directed to get engineer to give speck so it can be bid out.

### **Old Business**

- Airport MOU: Rick read through some more information and found we can't make them do MOU. Karl Hanlon has not had success meeting with Ely. There are new policies with dispatch as to when to call out Aspen Fire. Preplans have been done on buildings at airport.
- Starwood Substation: Project is going really well. Rick will be doing a tour there in next few weeks. Looking at move in ready possible June or July. The cost of going to gas became too expensive. It will now be electric with three meters. They are still looking to see if there is large enough water line for sprinkler system. If there is not, this may be taken off.
- North 40: Housing Committee has met five times so far. They are currently reviewing options to make housing program sustainable for future. Denis brought some designs to the committee from other projects. Housing Committee meets each Friday at noon. The goal for the committee is to bring ideas to the board soon after first quarter. Stoney suggested having Mike from ACPHA come give advice on running a housing project. John mentioned housing should be all rental. There has been discussion of buying other places around town, however it was discussed the goal should be to get as much new housing as possible.
- Work Session: The Operations Steering Committee, comprised of sixteen people, have been working on defining level of service. This will be part of the presentation to the board after the first quarter. It was suggested the board wait to have work session after this presentation. The Operations Steering Committee meets every Thursday at noon.

Motion from Wabs to adjourn meeting. John Second. All Approved.