

Aspen Fire Protection District

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Board of Directors Regular Meeting September 14, 2021

The Board of Directors of the Aspen Fire Protection District met for their regular meeting. The meeting was open to the public virtually via Zoom.

Meeting called to order by John at 5:05pm

Roll Call:

- Board of Directors Present: John Ward, Denis Murray, Stephen Wertheimer, Michael Buglione, Dave (Wabs) Walbert
- Board of Directors Absent:
- Staff/Volunteers Present: Rick Balentine, Jake Andersen, Nikki Lapin, Jan Schubert, Jan Legersky
- Public/Others: Karl Hanlon, Sebastian Wanatowicz, Cody Lyster, Wayne Stryker

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: Motion by Denis to approve minutes from: Regular meeting held on August 10th, 2021. Michael second. All approved.

Public Comment: None

AVFD Inc., Ryan Warren: Not Present

North 40 Housing Project Update: Sebastian Wanatowicz

- Fire Place Budget Review:
 - Sebastian went over some billable items this month; Testing of concrete by GEO Engineer, site reviews by SGM, review of submittals for RFIs by Stryker Brown and Holy Cross bill for infrastructure of transformer. The bill from Holy Cross went over by \$2300 and will hit contingency.
 - Received payout from FCI in the amount of \$782,648.95. Majority of this was concrete work for podium slab.
- Allowances:
 - FCI was able to give back a few things on items they are no longer using, such as rock work. There is \$91,991 returned back from FCI for non-use of allowances that may be applied to other items. Sebastian has asked FCI to reconcile budget with allowances and the list was reviewed. Some of FCI's contingencies have been used to buy up framing in amount of \$114,000.
- Lead time for supplies: FCI has been buying out job early as possible. Cody Lyster spoke to buyout and lead times. Fully bought out on wood material that is currently being housed in Grand Junction. Cody feels good about material procurement with the project.
- PV pricing log: Discussion as to where the board wants to go with the solar project. Sebastian and Cody helped walk the board through some options to help on making decisions. There was a very

long discussion in regards to 100% snowmelt on the driveway, solar battery backup and how much solar the project should have and where it should be placed.

MOTION: Motion by John to snowmelt the entire driveway plumbed with two zones, with 10 ft. zone that can be turned off if not needed. Discussion: It was suggested talking to FCI to see what best way is to zone. Steve Second. Vote: 4 Yes, 1 No (Denis) Motion passed.

MOTION: Motion by John to purchase the battery and put maximum solar panels on the Fire Place project and overflow on North 40 station and/or Aspen Village to get to net zero. Michael second. Discussion: The Fire Place can store 38 kilowatts on it. Roughly 10kw will need to be stored. These are rough numbers as there is not a total scope completed. It could be between a \$150,000 & \$180,000 cost. The board would like to explore incentives options with county and working with Tesla.

AMENDED

MOTION: Motion by John to put maximum solar panels on the Fire Place, Aspen Village and North 40 and propose entire project as campus without battery backup by working with county to waive the requirement if we get to net zero, but if we do need to add battery backup, we have the funds set aside to do it. Michael second. Vote: 3 Yes, 2 No (Denis and Wabs) Motion passes. Sebastian and Cody will put together a package to present to county to consider the North 40 and Fire Place as campus project and see if they will waive the requirement for battery backup if we pipe in the solar, we are contemplating to put on the Fire Place roof as designed over to the North 40 and maximize the roof, along with Aspen Village roof to meet the net zero to also include the additional snowmelt on the driveway.

Financials:

- Review of monthly budget. This was included in the board packet.
- FPPA Actuarial Review: This was included in packet. It went up due to over funding. They did three comparisons. Rick thanked the board for their work the board has done with getting funding up.
- 2022 Draft Budget: The board would like to review in October.

Board Comments & Action Items:

- Michael commented on the tremendous job putting together the 9/11 Annual Remembrance.
- Denis would like to do a test fire to see how long it will take for Pano AI to discover/locate. There was discussion of continuing on with the program next year and cost would be. Denis would also like to see a draft of fire ordinance in the next couple months, along with a fire mapping demo with layers.
- Jake Andersen found a journal at garage sale that was written by a former Deputy Chief. He is buried at Red Butte Cemetery without stone. Denis suggested purchasing one and having it installed.

MOTION: Motion by Denis to pay for a headstone and have installed. Wabs second. All approved.

- Chief Contract. Last month it was agreed to extend the contract through December 31st, 2022 with a 5% salary increase to Rick. This is the first increase in the past three years and fits within the salary range that was approved. Everything else was similar to other contracts in past.

MOTION: Motion by John to approve chief contract and have Rick sign it. Wabs second. All approved.

Staff Report:

- Staff report was included in board packet.
- Fire Prevention: Jan Legersky gave a quick overview. There was discussion about code adoption. Denis would like to have conversation around code adoption and possible changes.
- Training: EMR training starting today.
- Recruiting: In the process of recruiting for 2022 recruit class. This class will start beginning of January 2022.

CEO/Fire Chief and Good of the District:

- Strategic Plan: A completion report was included in the board packet. It was suggested that a full presentation be given in April 2022.
- Family Night: This was held during the past operations meeting. There was approximately 75 members and family that attended.
- North 40 Roofing: A letter was included in board packet. There is a recommendation to let Umbrella fix deficiencies first. Rick would like to put in an RFP for reroofing of remaining North 40 station roofs. Fire Stone has warrantied the two roofs.

Old Business:

- Aspen Fire Housing Guidelines and Rental Rates: Work session will be held Thursday, October 14th at 11:30am-1:30pm.

MOTION: Motion by John to adjourn at 7:34pm. Wabs second. All approved.

***** A full recording of this meeting can be requested by contacting the District Administrator at nikki.lapin@aspensfire.com or by calling 970-925-5532.**