

Aspen Fire Protection District

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Board of Directors Work Session November 10, 2020

The Board of Directors of the Aspen Fire Protection District met for a work session. The meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

Meeting called to order by John at 11:14am

Roll Call:

- Board of Directors Present: John Ward, Denis Murray, Dave (Wabs) Walbert, Michael Buglione, Stephen Wertheimer
- Board of Directors Absent: None
- Staff/Volunteers Present: Rick Balentine, Parker Lathrop, Nikki Lapin, Jan Schubert
- Public/Others: Karl Hanlon, Todd Snidow, Andrew Wheeler

Refinance of Series 2012 Bonds and Additional COP Funding: Todd Snidow

- Todd Snidow gave an overview of the current market conditions and status of the COP funds.

2021 Budget Review

- Capital Expenditure Plan: Will be replacing an Engine. It was decided to go with Peirce. The plan is to prepay. There was discussion of keeping one as a reserve apparatus.
- 2020 Budget: After looking at where the budget may end up, Rick moved \$125,000 into Capital Acquisitions.
- Wildfire Income: Expected income is about \$50,000 - \$70,000 .
- Capital Acquisitions 2020:
 - After looking at where the budget may end up, Rick moved \$125,000 into Capital Acquisitions.
 - Two vehicles were budgeted for 2020. Parker was able to get a grant a training vehicle. There was discussion of selling the utility vehicle at Station 65 and putting the Tahoe up there. A new vehicle will be purchased for inspectors.
- Special Projects:
 - There was \$45,000 put into Special Projects for 2021 for the purpose of having a strategic plan completed.
 - 2021 will be the 20th anniversary for 9/11. Rick requested some money be allocated for celebration.
- Air Conditioning: There has been \$65,0000 put in for air conditioning at Station 63, and sleeping rooms at Station 61 and Station 62. This was a big request from the duty crews and volunteers using rooms. Much discussion of whether air conditioning is needed at Station 63 and Station 62.

It was suggested putting \$45,000 in the budget for Woody Creek and for Station 61 sleeping rooms.

- Phones: There was discussion of leases on the new phone system.
- Licenses: Review of what is covered.
- IT/Computers: The server is up for replacement and should be added into the budget for 2021.
- Volunteer Benefits: Staff reviewed the LOSAP (Length of Service Award Program) and what it provides.
- Legal: This number is for attorney, not including North 40 housing.
- Salaries: There was \$120,000 put in to cover PTO coverage when career staff starts taking vacation.
- Staffing: There was discussion of a wildfire position and dividing the Deputy Chief and Fire Marshal positions up. There are funds in the operations reserve fund. There will be further discussion with board.
- Volunteer Cost: Staff will put together cost of a volunteer to include recruitment, training, equipment and benefits.
- Emergency Disaster Reserve Fund: These are funds approved by the voters to be put away each year. An \$50,000 was put in last year.
- Roofing Project: Rick gave an overview on the roof project at Station 62. Rick has requested that Umbrella pay for the cost of special inspector to oversee. Roof will be finished in the spring. There are some new leaks over the bays. They have completed portion over the apartment and dispatch.

Meeting adjourned at 12:47pm