

Aspen Fire Protection District



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Board of Directors Regular Meeting July 11, 2018

Meeting called to order at 5:07 by Denis Murray

Roll Call:

- Board of Directors: Denis Murray, Stoney Davis, Dave (Wabs) Walbert
- Absent: Karl Adam, John Ward
- Staff/Volunteers: Rick Balentine, Parker Lathrop, Nikki Lapin, Jan Legersky, Jan Schubert, Jason Lasser, Adam Cohen, Josh Burnaman
- Public/Others: Don Diones

Approval of Minutes:

Motion from Wabs to approve minutes from Regular Meeting on June 18, 2018. Denis Second. All Approved.

Public Comment:

- Josh Burnaman posed the question of transparency for the mill levy and whether there should be more than one question on the ballot. There was discussion about public outreach and educational pieces that will be put together. Rick has been advised that having more than one question would be confusing so they will be keeping it to one.

Don Diones, Geroqe K. Baum & Company

- A resolution will go in front of the board at next meeting to approve the mill levy question. Don presented a sample question. At the end of August, the district will receive new assessed property value report. Don suggested having a meeting after the new evaluation comes out as it will have impact on the mill levy being proposed. Don, Rick, Karl Hanlon and Tom Peltz had a meeting this morning. They agreed it was not a good idea to add the De-Gallagher issue into the questioning. There is currently \$247,000 figured in for potential Gallagher effects on the district budget.
- Rick and Jason have been meeting with architects in regards to housing. Currently Rick is budgeting approximately \$700 per square feet.
- **Discussion of moving next regular meeting to August 29th.** This was tentatively set.
- Don is running numbers from the Assessor's office to find average value for single family homes and condos so numbers can be given to public on what the potential increase may cost them.
- The next campaign committee meeting will be moved to the 18th as Mike Haman is out of town on the 17th. Don will send over information from the State in regards to the Campaign Reform Act.

Good of District:

- Josh Burnaman gave brief overview of the July 4th event. It was great turnout for first event. AVFD Inc. may break even. Final numbers will be available at next business meeting.
- Lake Christine Fire: The district is receiving a lot of "Thank You" from the community. There was a lot of good publicity. The new members received valuable training and experience being on crews. The fire went federal on the morning of July 4th. The firefighters will be paid, along with apparatus.

- Wabs expressed concern of Chief being at Lake Christine Fire during a busy July 4th week. Jason Lasser expressed that everyone was needed at that fire, including the Chief. Rick and other firefighters received great experience working the fire that could help if something happens in our district.
- The district is currently in Stage 2 Fire Restrictions. Phones have been busy with questions and requests for wildfire mitigation assessments. Parker is working with contractors doing welding to get a hot work permit.

Financials:

- There was discussion of 2019 budget preparation. Staff will work on normal budget and if mill levy changes the budget can be amended. Staff will work on getting preliminary budget to the board in September. Don mentioned that if the mill levy passes, the board will do a reimbursement resolution that allows the district to reimburse yourself for any expenditures that have been made for housing project.

Old Business:

- Airport MOU: The meeting was cancelled again. Board directed Rick to have attorney write letter to Pitkin County. Rick reached out to Jon Peacock about meeting being cancelled. Rick has not heard from them.
- Grand Junction Property: Still under contract.
- North 40: There were drafts of included in the board packet. There will be meetings throughout department and later down the road with North 40 neighbors. Denis would like to discuss partnership with the City later down the road. Denis suggested putting out AIA for competition. Jason reviewed why they went with having these companies do the initial plans. Jason expressed the time frame it would take to put out to competition and felt the business should be kept in the valley.
- Aspen Village: Rick will put back out to the department to see if there is further interest in housing at Aspen Village as the person interested received housing through City. It was agreed by board present that the project should still be done.

New Business:

- Adam Cohen discussed his experience at Lake Christine Fire. It was a great educational experience.

Motion from John to adjourn. Second by Karl. All Approved.