

# Aspen Fire Protection District

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## Board of Directors Regular Meeting April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**Meeting called to order by Karl at 5:04**

### **Roll Call:**

- Board of Directors: Karl Adam, Stoney Davis, Denis Murray, Dave (Wabs) Walbert
- Absent: John Ward
- Staff/Volunteers: Rick Balentine, Parker Lathrop, Jan Schubert, Nikki Lapin, Sandy Schiff, Michael Holmes, Adam Cohen, James Gordon, Thom Barr, Kevin Smiddy, Mike Lyons, Bruce Bradshaw, Shane Allen, Charlie Curtis, Jan Legersky, Anthony Lewin, Mike Haman, Jacob Arywitz, Erin Smiddy, Josh Burnaman, Marc Zachary.
- Public/Others: Karl Hanlon

### **Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion by Wabs to approve minutes from Regular Meeting on March 12, 2019. Karl Second. All approved.**

### **Good of District**

- Thank you to those that helped with DAV. Honor Guard did a great job of posting and retiring colors. The Elks will have a thank you party for those that helped. The party will be held Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.
- Volunteer Recruiting: Twenty-six applications have been received since last recruiting period. Interviews will be starting this week.
- Rick thanked the Operations Steering Committee for all their hard work over the past several months.

### **Operations Steering Committee Presentation**

- The Operations Steering Committee was formed at the direction of board to formulate an operational structure recommendation to the AFD Board. This group was comprised of sixteen active firefighters: Captain Adrian Aguilar, FF Jacob Arywitz, FF Thom Barr, Battalion Chief, FF Adam Cohen, FF Charles Curtis, FF James Gordon, Battalion Chief, Ken Josselyn, FF Jason Lasser, Deputy Chief Parker Lathrop, FF Anthony Lewin, FF Mike Lyons, FF Nic Milton, Captain Sandy Schiff, FF Jan Schubert and FF Ryan Warren. This committee was initially opened to all Aspen Fire members.
- The Committee gave a presentation to the board reviewing services, community expectations, staffing levels, industry standards and operational needs for the future. The committee recommended that the Headquarters and North 40 stations be staffed by a full-time paid firefighter, along with volunteer shifts. The full recommendation and power point presentation is attached to minutes.
- The board opened up public comment in regards to committee's recommendation.

- The board did not take any formal action and will be reviewing further at work session to be held May 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **Financials:**

- Jan Schubert is continuing to work with auditors to get the books in order. Auditors will be at June meeting with report.

### **Board of Directors Comments/Action Items:**

- Work Session: The board will hold a work session May 9<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am – 1:00pm to discuss recommendation received from the Operations Steering Committee.
- Housing Committee: The committee has received presentations from five architects. They are currently working on criteria to score in order to make decision. Stoney would like to see a plan on how the housing will operate. Staff is currently working on an operation plan for Starwood housing.

### **CEO/Fire Chief**

- The Gathering Place (Woody Creek Non-Profit Group): This group would like to attend May meeting to discuss possible partnership in building community center in Woody Creek.
- Aspen Community Foundation: Rick is meeting with other fire chiefs in the valley and forest service to discuss wildfire mapping program. Rick will email proposal to the board.

### **Old Business**

- Airport MOU: No new information.
- Aspen Village: The first bid came in at \$232,000. It has been difficult getting other companies to come in to do a bid.
- Starwood Substation: Drywall is going in now. They are shooting for a completion date in July.

Motion from Karl to adjourn meeting. Stoney Second. All Approved. Meeting ended at 7:15pm.