

Aspen Fire Protection District

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Board of Directors Regular Meeting July 9, 2019

Meeting called to order by Denis at 5:11pm

Roll Call:

- Board of Directors: Stoney Davis, Denis Murray, Dave (Wabs) Walbert, John Ward, *Karl Adam (via phone) Amended August 13th.*
- Absent:
- Staff/Volunteers: Rick Balentine, Parker Lathrop, Jan Schubert, Nikki Lapin, Ken Josselyn, Jason Lasser, Chris Lougeay, Thom Barr, Nic Milton, Michael Holmes
- Public/Others: Karl Hanlon, Paul Backes

Approval of Action Items/Minutes:

- **Motion by Denis to approve minutes from Regular Meeting on May 14, 2019. John second. All approved.**
- **Motion by Wabs to approve action items/minutes as amended per discussion from Regular Meeting on June 11, 2019.** Discussion: Stoney made correction that he did not vote in favor of Stryker/Brown contract or the Housing Assistance Program. **Stoney second. All approved.** *Full recording of this meeting is available upon request to the District Administrator.*

Good of District (5:14pm)

- July 4th event involving AVFD Inc. and MRA was success.
- P.A.C.T. event was held at headquarters on June 28th. Aspen Fire provided the space.
- Aspen Ideas Fest: Rick participated on panel discussion in regards to PTSD and will also be attending a meeting in Denver to discuss PTSD.

Paul Backes, McMahon & Associates (5:16pm)

- Paul gave the board an overview of what the auditors do and what they look at. A copy of the audit was given to the board. Paul continued to review the report and financial statements.
- Paul recommended the board pass resolution at end of the year if they decide to designate any remaining funds in fund balance.
- Rick discussed LOSAP program and the need to move forward with funding and program design.
- Paul reviewed audit letter. Paul pointed out that leases be done for year or less, otherwise there is new recording requirements.
- **Motion by John to accept audit as presented. Denis second. All approved.**
- **Motion by Stoney to move \$125,449 from General Fund to Capital Acquisitions. Denis second. All approved.**

Board of Directors Comments/Action Items:

- Compliment about newspaper article on Aspen Fire. Good public outreach.

CEO/Fire Chief

- Rick requested to move money from Capital Acquisitions that was earmarked for Starwood natural gas of \$53,000 to purchase another utility vehicle for quick response. The plan is to relocate 2002 GMC up to Starwood and purchase another vehicle to replace it. The two ATV's will probably be sold in the next year. The board agreed to reallocate funds to purchase new pick up.
- Aspen Fire will receive donation of \$36,000 from Lathem Stern to put heating panels at Starwood. It will cost Aspen Fire \$4,600. We will receive 8KW panels and will be paying for 2KW. *Amendment August 13th: The \$36,000 donation for solar panels at Starwood Station is the value, the actual donation is \$17,000.*
- Jacob Arywitz and James Gordon will be the two new tenants in Starwood.

Old Business

- Airport MOU (6:10pm): Rick decided to hold on this until Karl is back in town. Rick suggested getting together with board for a special meeting to discuss. It was agreed to meet July 26th at 11:30am.
- North 40 Housing (6:14pm): There will be a housing meeting on July 15th at 12:00pm and 5:30pm with members to get feedback and another meeting on July 16th, 5:30pm – 7:30pm, at North 40 for the public. There will be BBQ at North 40.
- Aspen Village: Jason Lasser is onboard to do the drawings.
- Starwood: Move in date will be August 1st.
- Wildfire Adaptive Community Project: Ken Josselyn gave an update on the program. The crew has been out for last three weeks collecting data and is 50% done with district. The funding was received from Aspen Community Foundation. Ken has been receiving several calls to do mitigation assessments.

New Business

- Fleet and Facility Manager: Rick is looking to hire someone to replace Ken as he is very busy with the wildfire program.
- Training: Rick will be meeting with officers next week to discuss how to move forward with the training division.
- New Recruits: They are almost done with Phase 1. Reviews will be next week.

Motion by John to adjourn meeting at 6:25pm. Stoney second. All approved.