

Regular Meeting of the Hygiene Fire Protection District Board of Directors, February 10, 2010. Meeting called to order at 7:03pm by President Jim Wall. Ken Wood, Mel Stone, Bill Nelson and Tim Cunningham were present. Keith Parrinello, Marlin Godfrey, Bill Eliason, Bruce Beresford, Derek Westmoreland, and Steve Brinkman were visitors.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Old Business

Action Items from prior meetings

Ken and Tim exchanged e-mails with Ryan Cunningham, our webmaster, and got the whole transparency issue straightened out. We do not intend to become members of Special Districts Association, at least not at this point. All the transparency information has been posted on the HFPD website, as required.

Jim reported that we received a questionnaire from the assessor's office. They need us to provide some information, but there was no deadline. Jim called someone with the GIS in Boulder and he said he could get some information for Jim. Jim has not heard from him yet. We believe that our taxation district and our coverage district should be the same. Jim is hoping to get a map from the City of Longmont GIS person and then compare. Bill Nelson reported that he has a district boundary map he recently updated. He will get that for Jim.

Jim reported that he delivered the three column list to Ken and Ken sent it in with the budget message and certification, on time.

Bill Eliason reported that the City of Boulder is going to put out an RFP for an ambulance service, and he will allow the rural districts to participate. Bill thinks that we will still find ourselves working with AMR and the City of Longmont as it does not appear that the ambulance service being sought by Boulder will actually extend to districts like us. Our best case scenario might be to maintain our relationship with Longmont and the contract that provides AMR services to Hygiene. Bill Nelson mentioned that we will need to plan to pay for an ambulance service in the next few years. He said that since there are not enough calls in our district to make it profitable for them. An ambulance service needs at least three calls per day to be profitable, but even if Hygiene, Pinewood Springs, and Lyons band together, there still isn't enough calls. At some point we will need to consider other options.

Jim Wall dropped off the financials to Ray Derr. We estimated we would have about \$391,377 to start the year, but we have \$391,298 for 2010. We will also get around \$280,000 from Boulder County in 2010.

Bill Nelson reported that the fittings panel is ordered for 2830, foam pump and drivers' side scene light on 2830 has been fixed, tank level lights on 2802 and the backup lights on 2801 are fixed, fittings for 2830 and 31 have been ordered, a new pair of bolt cutters were put on 2830, Bill discussed the box for the chainsaw on 2831, the bathroom and kitchen floors have been re-done, the anniversary t-shirt bids are in: Evie quoted at \$38.25/shirt, and Ida's Mom quoted \$32-\$38 per shirt. Bill also asked for the number of past members that we can also give anniversary shirts to. Marlin will help Bill with that list.

Committee Reports

Bill Eliason reported that the reps from Rosenbaur came up with the computer program and drew a truck up for us. Bill presented the board with a conceptual drawing of the proposed new truck. The approximate cost for this new unit will be about \$350,000, not including about \$60-

\$75,000 for additional equipment. All the numbers are approximate. If we are serious, Rosenbaur has found us a 2007 cab and chassis, which we can prepay about \$96,000 and save us about \$10,000. There are a limited number of the older chassis available because they are being bought up due to the emissions standards having been increased for 2010. Jim wondered where the 2007 cab and chassis has been for the last three years. Bill mentioned that if we're concerned about that, we look at the unit prior to purchase. The unit will not be completed until late this year or early next year.

Tim wondered if, based on conversations he has had with other members, why we are considering a truck instead of a remodel of the old fire station, or the purchase of a piece of property for a second station. There was discussion about that, or purchasing a piece of land for a second station. Bill Nelson presented a tentative five year plan for district capital expenditures. Discussions were held regarding a second station and the location of that station. Should it be at 95th and Ute, or somewhere else, as opposed to purchasing a new truck?

Ken mentioned that the main reason we have considered a new truck as the first option is that we need to maintain relatively new rolling stock in the best interest of the district constituents, as 2802 is 15 years old and will soon need replacement anyway. Bill Eliason said that we will probably have some dissent, regardless of which direction we go as a board. We have been talking about replacing 2802 for almost 2 years. We have some newer equipment that will be good for a number of years after 2802 is replaced. Once the new truck is in place, we can then begin to do the other things.

Jim made a motion that we set aside the money and move forward with the new truck at this time. We will look at the long-term plans that have been brought out in the five year plan. Chief Nelson and Ken Wood believe that the new truck is more important than the other suggestions. Keith Parrinello mentioned that a new engine may count more toward the ISO rating. Bill Nelson seconded. Board approved unanimously.

New Business

a. Correspondence for the board

Chief Nelson reported that he received a letter from Boulder County. They are trying to recruit people for the fire code review committee. Anybody interested should talk to Chief Nelson.

b. Firefighter Ratings (applications for new members)

None

c. Other New Business

Steve Brinkman reported that he will put the notice of election in the paper. Deadline for nominations is March 3, 2010. The applications should be put in Steve's mailbox. If there are no nominees other than the two existing board members, the election can be cancelled and Jim Wall and Bill Nelson will be installed by acclimation. Steve only needs one copy of each nomination form, signed by the nominee and a witness.

Marlin Godfrey talked to the Chief and Assistant Chief about measuring the size of his water truck. He used 3,350 gallons of district water. Tim moved that we don't charge him for the water. Stoney seconded and the board approved, based on all the time and service Marlin has provided to the department over the years.

Chief Nelson reported that our SCBA's need to be re-certified at \$55/SCBA. Tim moved we do the certs, Jim seconded, board approved.

Chief Nelson wants to do some pump testing but will put it off until later in the year, probably after the new engine arrives so the tests can all be current when we submit to the ISO. He also noted that the old building is in need of an electrical upfit. He asked an electrician to look at upgrading the wiring and installing more outlets, including grounding. The cost is estimated at about \$1,000, so the board directed the work to be accomplished.

Chief Nelson believes that it is time to ask the district constituents for a mill levy increase. He said that housing values in the district have fallen 25-30 percent in the last two years, and will be down again this year. The new lower valuations will lower property taxes and thereby lower the district's revenue. Lyons is considering a similar direction and Bill will attend their board meeting and listen to a company that specializes in having bond issues and mill levy increases to pass. We need more information before we can approach the constituents in our asking for a mill levy increase, given that their taxes have already risen considerably in the last year. Ken mentioned that history shows that this is a desirable place to live and values will increase at some point, but there were concerns from some of the other board members that this may not be a good time to ask for a tax increase, given the state of the economy as a whole. We may also need to look at tightening our belt, depending on how much revenue we will actually lose.

Officer's Reports

President – Jim had nothing further.

Secretary - None

Treasurer -

I. Bills Paid

II. New Bills

a. Fire Chief –

Chief Nelson reported that the wildland refresher course will be held in conjunction with Lyons at their station on May 8th at 8am. It will be an all day class.

CPR may have to be accomplished on a Saturday afternoon, Chief Nelson is working on a date.

We can order reflective T-shirts. Bill will handle.

Review of Meeting – No new items

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm.