

Minutes East Grand Fire Protection District
Board of Directors Meeting
October 25th, 2017

Board Directors Present: Frank Dominguez, Mark Pappas, Richard Kramer, Peggy Woods, Steve Loo.

Staff Present: Todd Holzwarth, Steve Waldorf, Dennis Soles, Adam Gosey, Jed Henry, Kristen Rybij.

There was no public present at this meeting.

Frank called the meeting to order at 18:01 pm.

Additions to the meeting are as follows: Jed will be discussing his proposal for a new lighting project at Headquarters. We will be discussing the upcoming budget hearing as well as setting a date for the December meeting. We will present resolution 2017-10-25-01 to the Board to sign. Resolution 2017-10-25-01 concerns the appointment of a designated election official for the 2018 election.

Frank asks if there is any public comment. There is no public.

Training Coordinator Report: Steve gives his training coordinator report first due to a conflicting engagement he must go to. Steve gives a quick overview of our current probies and their progress. Our volunteer base is full. Other departments have asked if they could "borrow" our volunteers to help at their stations. We take great pride in the good relationships we have with other local fire departments, police departments, and the Sheriff's Office. These relationships and teamwork are the backbone of a strong community. Training is busy as usual this month with the addition of a mutual aid training at the end of the month. Meetings and other events abound this month, including the annual Awards Banquet, Grand County Chief's Meeting, the Local Emergency Planning Committee and Flu shots for staff and volunteers. Steve touches on the complexity of the recent low angle rescue on Berthoud Pass as well as the myriad of compliments our department received for our efficiency and skills during this incident. Volunteers Adam Kaufman and Zach Holm were interviewed for FOX 31 news regarding this incident. Equipment replacement and repairs are on-going as usual. Jed gave an overview of his Headquarters lighting project proposal. He explained how the energy savings will work over time in addition to the safety advantages of not having to change lightbulbs or worry about them breaking if hit by high pressure water.

The September minutes were reviewed with no changes noted.

- ❖ Peggy moved to approve the September minutes as written. Steve Loo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of Financials: We are on track with our general finances. The preliminary budget is completed with the budget hearing set for the November 22nd meeting. We are working on the final budget numbers and are currently in discussions regarding money needed for projects and equipment replacement. The Grand County Sheriff's Office 2018 Communications Allocations have come in as well. Kristen has prepared a breakdown of the Impact Fees received this year to present to the Board. The fees are broken down by geography and developer. Frank asks how Kristen calculated these numbers. He feels as if the fees coming in from Grand Park seem to be less than the volume of construction actually happening. Construction of projects and incoming fees do not always coincide perfectly because sometimes fees are paid far in advance and not within the same time frame as construction. It is also discussed that Kristen only has a method to check fees and construction projects occurring in Grand County. The Town takes fees for projects in Winter Park and Fraser and gives us the money. There are many steps to take in order to receive a building permit so we hope that this system will make it hard for impact fees to fall through the cracks.

- ❖ Peggy moved to approve the bills. Rick seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief's Report: Todd discusses the current Tabernash Rural Water Development Project. The wet tap was done today as well as the hole being dug for the boring machine. He feels the project will be finished next Friday. This is our project currently but once it is done, the water line will be turned over to Tabernash Meadows Water and Sanitation. They still have to complete the necessary chlorination and testing of the water since it will be connected to potable water even if it is not yet a viable water supply. Steve Loo asks about the bidding process we went through to find a contractor for this project. Todd assures him that we adhered to the proper rules and legalities concerning choosing a contractor. Steve Loo was concerned that the public might not understand the increase in the original price estimate of \$150 K to the current price estimate of \$300K. It is discussed that the original estimate was made 6-7 years ago and that the current price reflects economic changes and new previously unforeseen project requirements. Todd touches on the success of the new street light at the corner of US 40 and GCR 526, the completion of the expanded driving surface project at Headquarters, the completion and success of East Grand's pump testing, and the Leadership Conference he attended. At the conference he learned that at one time during the recent Tennessee wildfires more than 100 fires were burning simultaneously! There have been some interesting calls this month such as the 400 ft. low angle rescue and a kitchen fire at the Devil's Thumb Ranch House Restaurant. East Grand Fire will be a part of a Flag Raising for the Veteran's Day Breakfast and for the passing of Officer Grant Thomas.

Fire Prevention Report: Dennis discusses the safety issues Safeway is having with blocked exits and electrical panels caused by their vendors. They are now on record admitting it is a safety issue and will be liable if there is an injury. They are trying to mitigate the issue. The new manager is showing interest in keeping his staff safe by wanting to learn how the various fire suppression systems work. Winter Park ski resort is in the process of replacing 5-6 fire alarm panels and shows motivation for making the resort more compliant with recent fire codes.

Frank asks if there is any public comment. There is no public present.

Board Business / Action Items: Todd has talked to Lee Staab and it is confirmed that Grand County will be going for their portion of taxes refunded to the YMCA as well as their unrealized revenues. The Board of Directors still has to decide if our District will be going for a one-time abatement as well. December 11th is discussed as the best date to hold the December meeting. There will be two pension applications presented at the December meeting, Julie Faulkner and Rob Sornson. Todd passes around a letter to the Board of County Commissioners for the Board to sign. This letter states that our department is still in support of them adopting the 2015 International Family of Codes. The designation of Chief Holzwarth as the Designated Election Official for the 2018 election is decided. The date for the Board of Directors annual workshop is also decided.

- ❖ Mark moved to approve Resolution 2017-10-25-01, Concerning the Appointment of a Designated Election Official for 2018 Election. Steve Loo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ Mark moved to hold the December meeting on Monday December 11th 2017. Rick seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ Peggy moved to hold the Board of Director's January Workshop on Wednesday January 3rd from 12-4 at Headquarters. Mark seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ Rick moved to adjourn the Board meeting. Steve Loo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 18:18 pm.

Frank Dominguez

Rick Kramer

Margaret Woods

Mark Pappas

Steve Loo