

Minutes East Grand Fire Protection District
Board of Directors Meeting
August 23rd, 2017

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

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

Public Present: Please see sign in sheet.

Frank called the meeting to order at 18:27 pm.

Frank asks if there is any public comment. There is no comment at this time.

The July minutes were discussed with a spelling error pointed out. Kristen made a note to correct this.

- ❖ Mark moved to approve the July minutes as written. Peggy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of Financials: Taxes are almost 100% in for the year. There is a short discussion of the new tires installed on 491 and 492. Frank asks when we can anticipate seeing a change, if any, in revenue with the new assessment valuations. Will TABOR block an increase in revenue? Or drive revenues down? Chief discusses the Certification of Values sheet and notes that there is a larger increase in assessed valuation than we have seen in the past several years. In order to make up for taxes refunded to the YMCA and ten years of unrealized revenues the District would need to do a one-time mill levy increase of approximately 1.4 mils for 2018. The board is currently deliberating over how much revenue we will recoup. Budget season is upon us and a proposed budget will be presented to the board by October 15th.

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

Chief's Report: We have applied for our annual state volunteer pension match of \$36,000. The audit was received by the state with no problems. The Tabernash Water Pipeline Project is in the pre-qualification stage. There are hopes that it could still be on the roster for 2017. The town has the preliminary drawings for the South Station. One county commissioner is looking to remove all building codes and Chief Holzwarth informed them that this was not a sound idea for many reasons.

Fire Prevention Report: Dennis is staying busy with inspections, plan reviews, development reviews, and meetings. There has been discussion as to what is being built where The Shed once was but no information is certain at this time.

Training Coordinator Report: There continues to be good turnouts for trainings. All but one can respond to calls in the new recruit class. All members have been measured for uniforms and Steve is working on new county ID's for everyone.

Public Comment: Brad Holzwarth states that if he had been told 3 years ago today that his taxes (as a commercial and private property owner) were going to increase by 25% he would not have known how he would have paid the bill. In conclusion, it is noted that a clear explanation needs to be made to the public as to why this increase is happening and that it is only a one-time thing. The District would like to form a united front with all other districts planning to recoup their lost revenues and offer a thoughtful explanation to the community regarding their tax bill increase.

Board Business / Action Items:

- Resolution 2017-08-23-1. A Resolution Adopting and Entering into the Trust Agreement for the Colorado Firefighter Heart and Cancer Benefits Trust and Taking Other Actions in Connection Therewith.
- Trust Agreement for Colorado Firefighter Heart and Cancer Benefits Trust.

- ❖ Mark moved to approve Resolution 2017-08-23-1. Peggy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- ❖ Rick moved to adjourn the meeting. Peggy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 19:28 pm

Frank Dominguez

Rick Kramer

Margaret Woods

Mark Pappas

Steve Loo