

Lead Fire Protection District Meeting

Minutes from 8/26/20 - Meeting was held at 6pm, at the Lead Fire Hall

All motions were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Present Members: O. Enderby, K. Rear, S. Ward, R. Everett, S. Stewart

Absent: none

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6pm by President Oz Enderby

Conflict of Interest Declaration: none

Quorum was present to conduct business

Minutes: July minutes approved. Everett made a motion to approve, Stewart seconded - carried.

Treasurers Report: Everett was able to finally access online banking. Updated all accounts. Checking balance: \$187,322.83. Escrow balance: \$104,238.02. Retirement balance: \$93,963.02. Everett wondered what the fourth account was. Nobody was sure, he will talk to Jerry Apa and get back to us at the next meeting. Motion was made by Stewart to approve report, seconded by Rear, carried.

LVFD Bills: Bills for \$6,892.62. Everett made a motion to approve and pay the bills as listed. Seconded by Stewart, carried.

Incident Report: There were 10 incidents between 7/29/20-8/26/20. Eggers gave a report.

Old Business: Ray Black gave an update on the roof repair. The owner of the construction company that did the work want to get final payment but there are several things that still have not been done - e.g. replacing the lightning rods, fixing the vents and finalizing the repairs. Black said he will oversee these items before final payment is issued - as several of the repairs might have to be subtracted from final payment.

New Business: Black would like to update the door codes for all board members. // The 2021 Budget was discussed. Enderby is wondering if some of the categories could be adjusted. He found up to \$14,218 that he thinks could be cut. Eggers expressed concern about cutting an already minimal budget. The city and the district are now the same, instead of just the city. The tax district is now both. Apa had always wanted to keep mil levy low, other districts advised to keep at full value. Eggers explained that he has always worked with a 0.8 mil levy to appease Apa but this is very low compared to other districts. The department has a threadbare budget and needs to replace aging equipment and is worried about further cuts to budget. There is a backlog of equipment that needs replacement. Black added that half of the grants we don't qualify for because we are not using our full tax amount and therefore are automatically

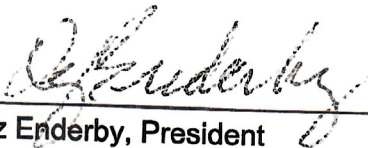
disqualified. Enderby is wondering about insurance, gas, oil, office supplies, travel and training line items. Eggers explained that this budget is one line item not divided like the city budget. Only operating and equipment are legally what must be accounted for, he feels the total budget is already very low. Rear said when she went door to door canvassing citizens with Eggers several years ago that people were okay with 0.82 mil levy but would not have been okay with spending more. Eggers is concerned that if we lower the mil levy even further that it will be difficult to get more later or even go back to current levels. Al Williams is concerned about future funding for workers when it's becoming increasingly difficult to find enough volunteers. Enderby agreed with Eggers concerns but stated that it is the responsibility of the board to push back and to pay attention out due diligence to make sure all money is spent as wisely as possible. Everett moved to approve the 2021 LVFD budget, Rear seconded, carried. // Black gave a report on the air-pack grant awards. They have begun awarding them but LVFD still hasn't received news. Hope to hear in the next few weeks.

Items from the Directors: Enderby asked about open fires and what the protocol is for having them. Black said there must be a permit, but anyone can call 911 and the sheriff will check on the situation. // Ward brought up the fireworks over Labor Day weekend. The general consensus is that the show should be canceled due to the fire danger and extremely dry conditions. // Enderby asked about using the pad for the Legion parade float. Ward asked the department to support the parade on Labor Day.


Motion to adjourn made by Ward seconded by Rear, carried. Adjourned the meeting at 6:40pm

Next Meeting: September 30 at 6pm.

Meeting adjourned at 6:49pm, motioned and seconded by Ward and Rear. Motion carried.
Respectfully submitted by Sierra Ward, Lead Fire Protection District Secretary



Oz Enderby, President



Date