



Teton County Fire Protection District

P.O. Box 474

911 N. Hwy 33

Tuesday July 27, 2021- Driggs Fire Station, as well as Teleconferenced via Zoom

In Attendance:

Jason Letham, Fire Commissioner

Scott Golden, Fire Commissioner

Bob Foster, Fire Commissioner

Bret Campbell, Fire Chief

Earle Giles, Fire Marshall

Jared Colson, Battalion Chief/EMS

Charis Schreiber, Union President

Aaron Stiny, Union Secretary

Mariana O'Neill, Board Secretary

Bart Birch, Legal Counsel

Kim Keeley, Clerk - Teton County ID

Julia Tellman, Teton Valley News

During the COVID-19 Crisis, Stage 2 Stay Healthy Orders allows a 10-person limit to public meeting. The Stay Healthy Order does not alter the requirements of the Idaho Open Meetings Act. All other requirements of the Open Meetings Law remain in place, including providing the public with the ability to attend public meetings by telecommunication devices.

Meeting began @ 1600 hours.

Chief's report was missing on the Agenda. Commissioner Letham would like to amend the agenda and add it to the Agenda.

Commissioner Letham made a motion to amend the agenda.

Commissioner Foster seconded the motion.

Commissioner Letham asked for all in favor. All replied “aye”, and the agenda was amended.

Minutes: Commissioner Letham asked if there were questions or comments on the prepared minutes from June 22nd, July 6th, July 12th, July 20th, 2021 meeting.

No questions or comments were made.

Commissioner Letham made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Foster seconded the motion.

Commissioner Letham asked for all in favor. All replied “aye”, and the minutes were approved.

Claims: Commissioner Letham asked for any questions or comments on the claims presented for the period **June 1st, 2021 through June 30th, 2021.**

Commissioner Foster asked for clarifications on purchased uniform. He questioned if the quantity that was purchased was indeed needed. Chief Campbell clarified that since we purchase uniforms in bulk the quantity was higher than usual, but it is what the District needs.

No further questions or comments were made.

Commissioner Foster made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Commissioner Letham seconded the motion.

Commissioner Letham asked for all in favor. All replied “aye”, and the claims were approved as presented.

Budget Statement:

Commissioner Letham asked for any questions or comments on the April 2021 Budget Statement presented.

No questions or comments were made.

Commissioner Foster made a motion to approve the Budget Statement as presented.

Commissioner Letham seconded the motion.

Commissioner Letham asked for all in favor. All replied “aye”, and the Budget Statement was approved as presented.

Key Private Investments:

Mike Ruff and Aaron Williamson of Key Private presented the quarterly report of the District’s portfolio investments. He discussed how Covid-19, Covid vaccination rates, and the stimulus package affected the performance of the portfolio. Our portfolio has investments in low securities bonds that have not been performing very well. Mike Ruff expressed no concerns, and he is expecting that the rates will go back on track sometime in year 2022. He did recommend that we should invest more into corporate bonds rather than governmental bonds. Since the inception of the portfolio which was in 2015 the investments have had an average of 1.78% return per year. The Commissioners would like to review the information that was presented during the meeting and would like to schedule another meeting to discuss the investments.

CBA Acceptance and Approval:

Charis Schreiber presented the final contract to the Fire Commissioners for acceptance and signature. Upon reviewing the contract Commissioner Foster had some concern about the method that was used to calculate the new wage increase. He felt uncomfortable with the new numbers and they way it was calculated. Discussion began with Chief Campbell and the Union members on how the increase was calculated. After further discussion Commissioner Foster accepted the CBA. CBA was signed and approved by the Board.

Commissioner Foster made a motion to approve the CBA 2021/2025.

Commissioner Golden seconded the motion.

Commissioner Letham asked for all in favor. All replied “aye”, and the CBA 2021/2025 was approved as presented.

Teton County Dispatch:

On July 17th the Fire Commissioners sent a letter to Teton County ID Clerk Kim Keeley, letting the County know about the reduction of \$50,000.00 to the Dispatch fee the Fire District pays. This was done to offset some of the costs the District will incur in the new fiscal year. The contract that the County and Fire District had, was signed for a period of 3 years 1/1/2017-1/1/2020. Commissioner Foster felt a “heartburn” with the fact that the District reduced the fee and wanted to make sure our Dispatch is taken care of. The Fire District was under the impression that the fee goes into a general fund for the county and not the Sheriff’s Budget. Commissioner Golden proposed to meet with Teton County Board of Commissioners to discuss the fee and come to a mutual agreement. The Board Secretary O’Neill will reach out to make arrangements for such meeting.

Budget-Work Session:

Chief Campbell presented the final draft of the budget. There were questions on the holiday pay, drug testing, and ICRMP insurance. Chief Campbell explained each item. It was discussed that the capital improvement budget was reduced to cover the dispatch fee for the next fiscal year. No further questions were asked on the budget.

Commissioner Golden made a motion to approve the budget for FY 2021-2022

Commissioner Foster seconded the motion.

Commissioner Letham asked for all in favor. All replied “aye”, and the Budget FY 2021-2022 was approved as presented.

Chief’s Report:

Chief Campbell let the Commissioners know that we are due for a new printer. The current printer has exceeded its lifespan and needs repairs. Chief Campbell has obtained a state bid for a new printer that will cost \$4999.00.

Commissioner Foster made a motion to authorize the purchase of a new printer not to exceed \$5000.00 .

Commissioner Golden seconded the motion.

Commissioner Letham asked for all in favor. All replied “aye”, and the purchase was approved as presented.

Chief Campbell also presented the RFQ for the renovation of Station#1. Commissioners will review both RFQ's and continue discussion at the next meeting.

Recess

Adjourn

Commissioner Letham made a motion to adjourn at 1950 hours.

Commissioner Foster seconded the motion, and the Board of Fire Commissioners was adjourned.

