



Teton County Fire Protection District

P.O. Box 474
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Driggs, ID 83422

Friday May 17th, 2019

Fire Commissioners in attendance:

Jason Letham
Scott Golden

Fire Commissioner not in attendance:

Kent Wagener – Comments submitted for meeting

Also in attendance:

Jere Lemieux, Interim Commissioner
Bret Campbell, Fire Chief
Earle Giles III, Deputy Fire Chief/Fire Marshal
Jon Wisby, Battalion Chief of Logistics
Charis Schreiber, Local 4667 President
Bart Birch, Legal Counsel
Monica Hoth, Board Secretary

Meeting began @ 1300 hours

Minutes: Commissioner Letham asked if anyone had question or comments on the prepared minutes from the **April 8th, 2019** meeting.

No questions or comments were made.

Commissioner Golden made a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Commissioner Letham seconded the motion.

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

Claims: Commissioner Letham asked for any questions or comments on the claims presented for the period **April 1, 2019 through May 15th, 2019.**

No questions or comments were raised.

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

Commissioner Golden seconded the motion.

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

Budget Statement:

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

Brief discussion initiated by Commissioner Letham on the transfer of funds into the operating account from the LGIP account. Also discussed sewer rate for Tetonia Fire Station.

No further comments were raised.

Commissioner Letham made a motion to approve the Budget Statements as presented.

Commissioner Golden seconded the motion.

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

Public Hearing – FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF INSPECTION & PLAN REVIEW FEE SCHEDULE:

Commissioner Letham opened the Public Hearing for comments at 1308 hours. Commissioner Letham confirmed with Secretary Hoth that there were no comments submitted by mail, and no public were present to comment.

Commissioner Letham closed the Public Hearing for comments at 1309 hours and asked if there was further discussion by board. No further discussion was made.

Commissioner Letham made a motion to establish the Inspection & Plan Review Fee Schedule as posted in the TVN on 5/2/19 & 5/9/19.

Commissioner Golden seconded the motion.

Commissioner Letham asked for all in favor. Both replied “aye”, and the Fee Schedule was approved as presented.

Discuss New Deputy Chief Position:

Chief Campbell presented Commissioners with a brief two page handout that described what Ed Schauster’s current duties are and a job description for what duties would be a part of the new Deputy Chief position. This also included funding and salary requirement for the position as was requested by Commissioners. Chief Campbell also responded to Commissioner Wagener’s questions for the benefit of the other Commissioners. Brief discussion began on details. If approved, Ed Schauster would begin work on July 1st.

Commissioner Letham made a motion to approve the creation of the Deputy Fire Chief position, and the filling of the position by Ed Schauster, with the intent of reviewing the result of that position in July 2020, which would be one year from now.

Commissioner Golden seconded the motion.

Commissioner Letham asked for all in favor. Both replied “aye”, and the motion was approved.

Capital Improvement – Purchase of New Wildland Engine:

Commissioner Letham asked Chief Campbell and Battalion Chief Wisby, previous to the meeting, to provide a quote to Commissioners on the cost of purchasing a new Type 6 Engine. Chief Campbell presented Commissioners with this breakdown which included the plan to pay it off, which began discussion on wildland deployment outlook.

Commissioner Golden made a motion to approve the purchase of a new type 6 engine up to \$90,000.

Commissioner Letham seconded the motion.

Commissioner Letham asked for all in favor. Both replied “aye”, and the motion was approved.

Chief’s Report:

Fire Chief

Chief Campbell reported to Commissioners that he has received the preliminary new construction numbers from the County and as of now they appear lower than last year. We will anticipate seeing the confirmed numbers when they come out in July.

Campbell also reported that the IDL HFR North Grant work will begin with crews starting work after the Memorial Day Weekend.

Campbell told Commissioners about an opportunity to acquire a passenger van for free from Gov’t Surplus, which could be utilized to move Fuel’s Reduction Crew members around. They will be moving forward to acquire this in the coming days.

He lastly confirmed with Commissioners about the County/Forest Service/Fire District meeting on 5/28 @ 1pm at the County for signing the Cooperator Agreement for this year.

Fire Marshal

Chief Giles reported for Commissioners that permits are still coming in steady from the County, and that he is completing inspections daily as this is the season for new businesses to open or renew inspections.

Battalion Chief Logistics

Chief Wisby let Commissioners know the new tender is in great shape and will be brought in service in a week or two.

Recess

Adjourn

Commissioner Letham made a motion to adjourn at 1439 hours.

Commissioner Golden seconded the motion.

Commissioner Letham asked for all in favor. Both replied “aye”, and the Board of Fire Commissioners was adjourned.