

LA VETA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
La Veta Community Center

MINUTES

January 14, 2016
6:00 P.M.

Present: Directors Brunner, White, Nielsen, Littlefield and Shroust were in attendance.
Staff: Fire Chief DeTray, EMS Director Schmidt and District Secretary Pezze.
Guests: Asst. Chf. Mower, Kim DeTray, Tucker Shroust, Vinny Ozzello, Mickey Schmidt and Cherlye Johnston. Brian Risley of CRP Architects and Louis Nazario and Ernie Garcia from H.W. Houston Construction Co. were in attendance through the initial portion of the meeting.

Call to Order

The Pledge of Allegiance was given and Director Brunner welcomed the public.

Minutes

MSA: * Minutes of the December 10, 2015 meeting were approved as presented.

Resolutions and Election

MSA: Resolution 01-01-2016 regarding Posting of Agendas was approved and signed.

MSA: Resolution 01-02-2016 designating Sue Pezze as the Designated Election Officer for the Special District Election to be held May 3, 2016 was approved and signed.

Public Comments

Jim Berg advised that the remodeling of the Cuchara Station is progressing under direction of the LVFPD Auxiliary. The Board approved the Auxiliary's request to remove the fiberglass shower stall to provide more useable area.

Correspondence

A letter from Art Pierce, Board Chairman of the Cucharas Water and Sanitation District was reviewed advising that hydrant repairs in the Cuchara area are in progress.

Treasurer's Report

MSA: The Treasurer's Report and payments for the January 14, 2016 meeting were presented and approved.

MSA: The Board approved authorizing the Fire Chief to purchase up to \$500.00 between Board meetings without first acquiring Board approval. Purchases between \$501.00 and \$1,000.00 can be approved by the Fire Chief's Board Liaison Director.

New Station Owner's Representative Report

Brian Risley, CRP Architects provided a brief update on the new Station construction. The east concrete apron has been poured, the metal roof panels are in place and the wall panel construction has commenced on the west, exterior wall. Interior wall framing has also commenced. Installation of the HVAC system and duct work will begin the week of January 15th. The electrical rough-in work will begin as soon as the studs are in place on the interior walls. The majority of the lighting fixtures have been received and are in secure storage.

Louis Nazario and Ernie Garcia, H.W. Houston Construction, presented an updated construction schedule. Due to weather delays, particularly wind, and additional sub-contractor issues, the completion date is now approximately February 25, 2016, pursuant to weather conditions. Framing, electrical, plumbing and interior drywall and reinforced fiberglass plastic (RFP) panels should commence with the next three weeks. Windows and overhead doors will be installed toward the end of February.

Director Brunner advised that, after a meeting with Mayor Brgoch, the Town of La Veta would like to collaborate with the LVFPD in resolving the ground water drainage issue that will be created by the new Fire Station building. Mayor Brgoch feels that by placing a culvert at the corner of Birch and Moore Avenue the water would drain adequately. The Mayor

***MSA = Moved, Seconded and Approved (unanimously unless otherwise indicated).**

proposed that the LVFPD will purchase the 18 inch, 40 foot long, double wall HDP pipe (cost is approx. \$450.00) and the Town will do the installation.

Director Brunner also advised that the LVFPD property line for the new Station grounds terminates at the end of the west concrete apron and is adjoined by Town of La Veta property. If the District drives west onto the Town property to access the improvised roadway the exits the north end of the Post Office parking lot, it could be viewed as a trespass. Mayor Brgoch has advised that he would like an official request from the LVFPD to request permission to drive on that vacant ground until such time as the Town decides their future intentions for the property. The Board approved Director Brunner attending the Town Trustees Board meeting on January 19, 2016 to make that request.

Brian Risley then provided a summary of the contingency budget for the new Station which is now approximately \$47,000.00. Discussion of the change order to add electrical wiring and installation of the transfer switch for the back-up generator (change order cost \$19,575.95) was held.

MSA: The Board approved tabling a decision on this matter to allow time for Brian to research H.W.

Houston's change order pricing and see if any items could be deleted at this time.

Wildfire Mitigation Service (WMS) Report

In Paul Branson's absence (due to illness) Chief DeTray offered that he and Paul are working on points for the Intergovernmental Agreement (I.G.A.) for the LVFPD's collaboration in the Huerfano County's FEMA and Division of Natural Resource (DNR) grants.

EMS Director Report

- 1) 15 EMS runs with 8 patients transported and 2 refusals in December, 2015.
- 2) Have completed the profile update for the Colorado Dept. of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) EMS grant application process.
- 3) Jared Ray has completed his reimbursement obligation for the EMT class and Albert Encina is continuing to pay.
- 4) Will attend the RETAC meeting on January 21, 2016.
- 5) No training sessions in December.
- 6) One of the LifePak 15 heart monitors has had its annual maintenance completed.
- 7) Presented a recap of the 2015 EMS calls by type and percentage of revenue received from Medicare, insurance companies, Medicaid and individual patient payments.

Director Brunner asked EMS Director Schmidt and Chief DeTray to review the S.O.P. directive to annually review their Departments' job descriptions.

Fire Chief

- 1) 3 Fire Calls in December, 2015. One controlled burn attempting to get out of control, EMS assist (land FFL), 1 MVA (one car roll-over)
- 2) Two Fire Trainings. Dec. 1 on SCBA setup with 16 in attendance. Dec. 19th on initial attack and hose placement with 11 in attendance.
- 3) Working with Paul Branson and Jake Thomsen on WMS structure for further roll out.
- 4) Met with core team on CWPP revision.
- 5) Met with Don Mercier, Huerfano County Communications and Emergency Manager, on communication concerns. He advised that one of his staff is a voting member on the CCNC Board. This will help address the communication concerns of Southern CO Districts. Jim Berg has offered to lead on the communication issues. Plan to meet with Don in late January or early February to further discuss communications.
- 6) Presented a spread sheet outlining the Fire Department's capital needs, operational needs and "wants". Prices will be filled in upon receipt of quotes from suppliers.
- 7) Finalizing the Colorado Firefighter Safety and Disease Prevention grant application. The grant will request \$45,000.00 for a new SCBA fill compressor as first priority and \$10,000.00 for an extractor, (bunker gear washing machine) as a second priority.
- 8) Will wait until the July application period to submit a grant application to Anschutz for the extractor if it is not awarded through the CO FF Safety and Disease Prevention grant mentioned above.
- 9) Also working on the CO Division of Fire Safety, Volunteer Firefighter Assistance (VFA) grant with Chris Hudson. Will not submit an application to FEMA for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) this round.
- 10) Jim Berg has submitted a grant application to Statewide Internet Portal Authority (SIPA) requesting \$1,500.00 for funding G.I.S. mapping of La Veta and Cuchara hydrants.
- 11) Held a 'Meet and Greet' get-together on Jan. 14th to reunite with Barbara and Kirk Cyborowski and her brother Mike. The Cyborowskis were involved in the October 14th ATV accident on Indian Creek Trail.

12) Presented applications from Tucker Shroust and Vincente Ozzello to be become Firefighters now that they have turned 18 years of age.

MSA: The Board approved and welcomed Tucker Shroust and Vincente Ozzello as probationary Firefighters.

Chief DeTray advised that Asst. Chief Mower has had a conversation with Colorado Search and Rescue Board's Woody Woodworth who was involved in the delay of dispatching the National Guard helicopter for the Indian Creek ATV rescue on October 14, 2015. Asst. Chf. Mower's efforts to build a good working relationship were not well received by Mr. Woodworth. Since then, Huerfano County Sheriff, Bruce Newman has composed and signed a letter stating that he conveys to Chief DeTray, or his LVFPD designee, the authority to execute rescues, evacuations and order emergency resources.

Old Business

Atty. Dino Ross telephoned in to discuss his draft of the illegal Drug and Alcohol Policy presented earlier. The main point of discussion related to random testing of volunteer members. Director White stated that his concern was that there is not a THC standard for the 'level of impairment' in the policy. Mr. Ross cautioned that any policy adopted must be uniformly enforced to avoid any hint of discrimination between members. At the conclusion of the conversation it was decided that Mr. Ross would further research and work up an analysis of the current scientific THC levels. Director Littlefield added his points that Mr. Ross needs to address, in the proposed draft, 1) remove random testing, 2) determine limits of impairment upon testing, regardless of what caused the member to be tested, whether suspicion or acting impaired, 3) limits of impairment upon testing alcohol and drugs that would mirror State laws (possibly using Colorado State Patrol standards), 4) develop guidelines for supervisors on how to handle situations where reasonable suspicion exists, step by step, on what to look for (define points for suspicion) and the process they work through. Director Brunner will send an email to Mr. Ross with those instructions.

Compensating Chris Hudson for his time to write grants was discussed. Director White suggested that an administrative expense could be added into grants to cover Chris's time and/or whoever administers the grant after it is awarded. Director Littlefield asked that Chris and Sue develop a presentation to outline time spent in writing and administering grants so that the Board has a feel for what is involved.

New Business

EMS Director Schmidt asked for a waiver of the one-week review requirement for the CO EMS grant that has a submittal deadline of February 15th. The Board stated that an initial draft of the grant application is acceptable and suggested that it could be submitted with the Board packet if Chris Hudson has it ready then.


MSA: The Board agreed to retire to executive session at 9:18 PM for the purpose of negotiations per C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e).

The Board returned from executive session at 9:43 PM.

MSA: The Board approved holding a Special Meeting on Thursday, January 21, 2016 at 2:00 PM to further discuss the I.G.A. involved with the Huerfano County FEMA and DNR mitigation grants.

MSA: The Board approved holding a Special Meeting on Friday, January 22, 2016 at 12:00 noon to meet with the Board of County Commissioners, at the County Court House, for the purpose of working on the I.G.A. for the mitigation grants.

MSA: The meeting adjourned at 9:48 PM.


Shannon R. Shroust, Secretary