

LA VETA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
La Veta Fire Station
100 Birch
La Veta, Colorado

MINUTES

October 11, 2018
6:00 P.M.

Present: Directors Nielsen, Shroul, and Walker were in attendance. Director Heikes and Littlefield's absence was excused due to work schedules.
Staff: EMS Director Schmidt and District Secretary Pezze Chief DeTray's absence was excused due to work schedule.
Guests: Jim Berg, Paula Berg, Robert Ingoldby, and Stirling Lathrop.

Call to Order – Pledge - Roll Call

The meeting was called to order, the Pledge of Allegiance was given, roll call was taken and Director Nielsen, presiding Chairman, welcomed all those in attendance.

Approval of Agenda

MSA:* The October 11, 2018 Agenda was approved as presented.

Minutes

MSA: Minutes of the September 17, 2018 meeting were approved as presented.

Public Comments

LVFPD Auxiliary President Paula Berg reported that the Auxiliary's Oktoberfest booth was a success with selling out their 125 2019 calendars and raffling off an afghan donated by Cindy Gott. They have re-ordered more calendars. The Auxiliary will coordinate and conduct the Fire Prevention Week presentations to pre-school through fifth grade classes at the La Veta Schools on October 25, 2018.

Guests, Correspondence, and Presenters

A thank you note was received from the Eddie Ray family for the District's expression of sympathy at the loss of his father-in-law.

Robert Ingoldby was introduced and the Board approved moving the sale of the 1987 Ford truck to the Correspondence portion of the meeting. Two sealed bids were received for the sale and Director Nielsen opened the sealed bids. Robert Ingoldby's bid was \$3,275.00 and Manual Trujillo's bid was \$2,600.00.

MSA: The Board approved selling the 1987 Ford truck to Robert Ingoldby, R.A.I. Enterprises, for the highest bid of \$3,275.00.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report and payments for the October 11, 2018 meeting were presented.

MSA: The Board approved the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Director Nielsen conveyed Director Littlefield's request that Certificate of Deposit interest rates be researched. Sec. Pezze advised that she would do that.

EMS Director Report

- 1) 16 EMS runs with 8 patients transported in September 2018.
EMS Training with Dr. Weber on documentation with 10 EMTs in attendance.
- 2) Have started orienting Amber Olsen and Brenna Ray as new EMTs.
- 3) Met with Mark and Cindy Worgan regarding the CDPHE grant preparation for a new ambulance for the Cuchara Stn. Also gave them copies of previous grant applications for their review. Cindy is researching additional ambulance bids. EMS Director Schmidt has received bids for the Stryker cot and the stair chair and has given them to the Worgans already.

EMS Director Schmidt advised that the decision of going with either 10% or 50% grant match basis for the ambulance needs to be finalized at the December 2018 meeting instead of the January 2019 meeting.

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

- 4) Four EMTs are registered for EMSAC Conference in Keystone on November 8 through 11, 2018. Attendees will be Dave and Norma Mower, John Hudson, and Eddie Ray. Mark Worgan is also attending and he will cover his own cost of room, meals and fuel. LVFPD will pay his registration fee of \$270.00.
- 5) The Lifepak 12 cardiac monitors are going through their annual maintenance process with Physio Control.
- 6) The Survey Monkey survey was briefly discussed. A second, reminder survey was sent out from Survey Monkey today to those who had not completed their surveys yet.
- 7) Working on ordering and purchasing the items on the USDA grant. With purchasing a new A.E.D. for Rescue 3 (1992 Chevy) and rotating portable A.E.D.s, EMS Director Schmidt will be able to place an A.E.D. in the vestibule of the United Methodist Church also.
- 8) Nicole Sudderth is interested in taking an EMT class whenever it is offered.
- 9) Still waiting for Mark Worgan and Eddie Ray to be cleared and certified as BLS instructors. Eve with Pueblo Community College and/or Cindy Guitierrez at Spanish Peaks Regional Health are supposed to be working on it.

Fire Chief Report (Presented by Jim Berg in the absence of Chief DeTray)

- 1) 5 fire calls in September 2018: Tree fire (possible lightning strike), 2 smoke reports – Viaero Tower and MM 282, Hwy. 160, 1 MVA roll-over and 1 Mutual Aid call to structure fire in Walsenburg.
- 2) Fire Trainings in September: Sept. 5 on PPE and SCBA with 13 FFs in attendance. September 15 on hydrant connection and water flow with 11 FFs in attendance.
- 3) Attended Community Mitigation Assistance Team (CMAT) meeting, also flood recovery meeting with Town of La Veta and a Town Hall Meeting with the public on flood issues.
- 4) Met with Paul Gomez for exchange of equipment and orientation on fire engines and loaded/organized donated equipment from Littleton Fire Department.
- 5) The ladder truck is repaired and awaiting certification.
- 6) Larry Sanders has set up a Water Rescue Training for November 17th at 1 PM at the La Veta Fire Station. The training is open to all First Responders and County employees also.
- 7) SCBAs were hydro tested and 7 cylinders went out of service. There are ample cylinders remaining in service.
- 8) Pump testing and fire extinguisher inspection/maintenance will be conducted on October 15 at the La Veta Fire Station. The gas meter units will also be tested on Oct. 15th.
- 9) Continuing to order and purchase items on the USDA grant.
- 10) Have been advised that there is a suspected coal seam fire on the Andreatta Ranch on County Road 442. Colorado Mining and Reclamation personnel have inspected the fire and it is actually a smoldering slag waste pile fire that was started by the Spring Creek Fire. They are working on a resolution for the problem.
- 11) Dispatchers at Huerfano County Dispatch need to improve the I Am Responding messages. Jim Berg and EMS Director Schmidt will talk to Debbie Bernal, Dispatch Manager, about the problems.

Old Business

Director Walker advised that he has developed a spreadsheet for the Intergovernmental Agreement (I.G.A.) for the use of the La Veta Fire Station as an Emergency Operations Center by Huerfano County agencies. Director Walker stated that he will contact Director Littlefield and they will meet with Huerfano County Administrator John Galusha to review the spreadsheet and then report back to the LVFPD Board.

Director Walker advised that there has been no change in the status of the retirement, pension plans.

The November 6th election for the LVFPD issue to de-Gallagherize and stabilize property tax revenue is progressing. Sue Pezze, Designated Election Officer (D.E.O.) continues to coordinate with the Huerfano County Clerk's office to supply necessary data and information.

The initial 2019 proposed budget was presented. Dates for the budget hearing was discussed and it came to light that multiple members will not be able to attend the regular November 8, 2018 meeting. The Board decided to postpone the November meeting by one week to November 15, 2018 at 6:00 PM. The budget hearing will be set for 5:30 PM prior to the regular meeting.

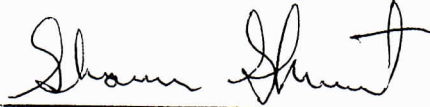
MSA: The Board approved rescheduling the November Board meeting to November 15, 2018 at 6:00 PM. and the budget hearing will be held at 5:30 PM the same day, November 15, 2018, prior to the regular Board meeting.

The Oktoberfest Blood Drive was a success with 14 donors and that was the established goal.

New Business

The topic of revisiting the LVFPD Auxiliary Memorandum of Understanding was introduced and it was decided to table the topic until Director Littlefield is in attendance. The Board supported the idea that a liaison from each organization (Stirling Lathrop from the LVFPD Auxiliary and Director Littlefield from LVFPD) work together on reviewing the MOU and then present the proposed revisions to their respective Boards. Director Nielsen asked that all Board members review the MOU and contact Director Littlefield with any suggested revisions or questions.

MSA: The meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM.



Shannon R. Shrou, Secretary