



Oak Creek Fire Protection District Board Meeting Minutes Aug 13 2024

Call to order 6:43 pm

A meeting of Oak Creek Fire Protection District was held at 131 E Main Street Oak Creek CO on Aug 13, 2024

Attendees

Attendees included David Park, President; Mike Roach, Secretary; Dwayne Osadchuk, Member; Skylar McKinley, Member.

Members not in attendance

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Approval of minutes

The minutes of the following meetings were reviewed and approved:

June 11, 2024

Skylar McKinley stated that he thought the District should research the possibility of public broadcast of the meetings, similar to the Town of Oak Creek's Board meetings. The Chief said he would look into that.

Financial Review

Karrie Littman presented the Board with the current Financial Statements including details on revenues that have been received and anticipated timeline of future tax and deployment revenues. The Board had a few questions, and they were answered. Chief Glauthier let the Board know he was pursuing a line of credit with Alpine Bank to bridge the time that the State Fire Billing reimbursements of deployment expenses. The Board approved the financials.

The Ambulance grant is \$148,000 but the ambulance is two years out for completing the build. The Bunker gear grant is a 50/50 for \$16,000. The Safety Grant for road vests is \$3,200/\$1,200.

The FPPA Affliction Agreement was tabled.

Impact Fees

Chief Glauthier let the Board know that he met with the Town of Oak Creek Board and there was good discussion on the impact fees. The Town had many valid concerns, including the affordable home variance and the Chief let them know that is already in the program and will be addressed. When a builder submits for a permit, the Fire Marshall reviews it and that is when the variance determination would occur. The standards would follow the municipal policy and there would be an avenue to appeal the decision. Additions over 50% increase of the original structure would be considered a new build and subject to the fee.

Fire Camp

Chief Glauthier reported the SUP is in progress and the District is addressing the comments from Routt County. The Chief thinks it will be fall before the approval comes through. The original site on Martin Craighead's property has been bulldozed and he is happy with it. The only thing left is to seed the land.

New Fire Station

Chief Glauthier let the Board know the District has a verbal agreement with Discovery to remodel the Stagecoach station. DOLA does have grants that can be submitted for that would help with the design process. The District would like to see another bay, administrative offices, training facility and a community room in the design.

David Park would like to take the design to SPOA and the landowners that may be interested in partnering with the District.

Even though the District did secure housing for the on-duty crew in Oak Creek, it is just a band aid and an actual station is needed desperately here. The response time has been cut to just 4 minutes from 16 on most responses. The Chief is still talking with the school and the Town is also interested in this discussion.

The Board did encourage the Chief to continue to have good interaction with the Town Board to get good information out and attend Board meetings as often as possible.

Chief's Report

- **Crew & Calls:** The Chief reported that the call volume has increased and is up by 14% over last year. The structure side is down 2 employees and is being filled with part time employees. Samantha Herling has graduated from Fire Academy- Congratulations to Sammy! There is a new hire on his way here, a former Chicago Fire Fighter, Welcome Dan. On the Wildland side, one of the crew bosses has resigned and another firefighter has come on board, from our Minnesota prescribed burn contact, welcome Alexandra.

- **Mitigation & Deployments:** The Mitigation crews have been out on 11 or 12 deployments at this time, and it was budgeted for 14 so we are on track to surpass budget. The Tender is mechanically sound, and the department has a growing good reputation in the field. If the grasses in the District begin to dry out the crews will be brought home to monitor our District. The fire season usually goes on until October. The chipper has been fixed and Mitigation/Chipping has begun for SPOA & Discovery.
- The Chief did state that the Bike race will not have a big affect this year on Oak Creek. The organization has their own ambulance, and the District will be used for backfill for West Routt and Steamboat, who will be more impacted than South Routt.
- The Chief did let the Board know that the State is looking to increase the CRRF rate for the engines that are deployed to a fire. This increase is long overdue and may be around 10-15%.

Community Input

Morgan Olufsen asked a few questions regarding the consolidation with South Routt Medical Center and the Board let him know the SRMC is looking to hire a consultant to assist with the expansion and a new Director was now in place.

It was also asked when the Town of Oak Creek board meetings take place.- They are scheduled for every other Thursday at 6:00. The meetings are posted on Facebook.

Adjournment

7:49 pm



President- David Park

10/22/24

Date of approval