

Aspen Fire Protection District

420 E Hopkins Avenue • Aspen, CO 81611 • 970-925-5532 • www.aspenfire.com



Board of Directors Regular Meeting September 08, 2020

The Board of Directors of the Aspen Fire Protection District met for their regular meeting. The meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

Meeting called to order by John at 5:05pm

Roll Call:

- Board of Directors Present: John Ward, Denis Murray, Dave (Wabs) Walbert, Michael Buglione
- Board of Directors Absent: None
- Staff/Volunteers Present: Rick Balentine, Parker Lathrop, Nikki Lapin, Jan Schubert, Roya Beklik, Ken Josselyn
- Public/Others: Karl Hanlon, Jackie Francis, Lisa Hancock, Mark (didn't not receive last name-N40 homeowner)

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: Motion by Michael to approve minutes from the following meetings: Regular Meeting August 11, 2020, Special Meeting August 17, 2020 and Special Meeting August 25, 2020. Denis second. All approved.

President, AVFD Inc: Not present

Public Comment:

- Jackie Francis, North 40 Homeowner: Jackie spoke in opposition to the project with concern about size and cost.
- Lisa Hancock, North 40 Homeowner: Lisa spoke in opposition of the project. She is upset with how things are being handled and believes there is more options for the AFD board to look at. She expressed concerns on the cost.

Good of District:

- 9/11 Annual Ceremony: Will be held Friday, September 11, 2020. Grassroots TV will be filming for a replay throughout the day.
- Monthly Operations Meeting: During the September 2nd meeting, 10 new volunteers were sworn in.

- 24/7 Coverage Update: Station 61 and Station 62 are being covered by both 9 career firefighters and volunteers. They are all working well together. Ken gave an overview view of impromptu training held September 7th.
- Incident on Independence Pass: Parker gave an overview of the incident with car going over Independence Pass. Aspen Fire played a crucial part in the rescue.
- Wildfire Severity Patrol and Wildfire Curbside Assessments: Both programs are currently in place with 2 or 3 people. Receiving more requests for individual wildfire home assessments.
- ISO Rating Review: Staff is working on 30 plus hydrant tests for the report.

Financials:

- 2021 Draft Budget and 2020 Revised Budget: Rick suggested a special meeting to review. The actual valuations are delayed until October which is a critical part of the budget.

Board Comments & Action Items:

- Open Board Seat: John reached out to Dr. Fahy with no response. Staff will put an ad in the paper calling for interested parties. Notice of Interest will be due back to District Administrator by September 25th. Board will interview each interested person in a public meeting.

CEO/Fire Chief:

- Strategic Planning Proposals: Several options were presented in the board packet. Two are new and two were original proposals from last year, but pricing didn't change. Board agreed to remove Granicus due to price. It was suggested giving ESCI report to BendonAdams and adding a small interview to the next meeting with all other companies.
- Health Insurance: Nikki gave an overview of current status on health insurance. Western Slopes Health Care Group will be dissolving and we will be moving as a group to Public Sector.

Training Report:

- Report was included in the board packet. Firefighter I course just finished and Firefighter II course has started. Emergency Medical Responder will start in October. Jeff Edelson and Scott Arthur are currently part-time co-training Captains.

Old Business:

- Starwood Lease: Staff is working on a revised plan in regards to rent.
- Airport MOU: This has been completed and can be removed from future agendas.
- SAFER Grant: Did not receive this time around.

New Business:

- Honor Guard is currently under the district. Looking at moving it under AVFD Inc.

No Executive Session was needed

MOTION: Motion by Michael to adjourn at 6:33pm. Wabs second. All approved.