

## Four Mile Fire Protection District Board Meeting

Date: 07/21/2021

Board Member attendees: **(P)** Lindy Luksch, President; **(P)** Steve Witcher, Treasure; **(A)** Jason Feagin, Secretary; **(P)** Ken Bay, Director; **(P)** Randy Bruggink, Director

Non- voting Board member: **(P)** Jay Teague, Chief; **(P)** Tori Capaci, Bookkeeper  
(P-Present, A- Absent)

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at **19:07** by, Lindy Luksch, President.

### Previous Minutes:

- The previous minutes from June were approved without corrections. Steve Witcher made a motion to Approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Randy Bruggink. There was no discussion. Minutes Approved unanimously.

### Treasurer's Report:

- June Revenue:
  - Total Tax Revenue \$ 39,373.29
  - YTD Tax Revenue \$226,769.10
  - Annual Budget Tax Revenue \$246,167.00 leaving \$19,397.90 to collect for remaining 6 months.
  - Total Income for June \$ 48,966.77
  - YTD Income \$ 254,496.81
- June Donations:
  - Total Donations \$3,485.00, \$ 29925.25 from craft fair.
  - YTD Donations \$12,630.60
  - 2021 Donation Budget \$22,200.00
- June Expenses:
  - Total Expenses 38,235.70
  - Total YTD Expenses \$168,924.53
  - Total Annual Budget Expense \$474,293.88
  - Teller Treasurer Fees \$1,100.84
- June Income:
  - Net Income \$10,731.07
  - YTD Net Income 85,572.28
  - 2021 Budgeted for a loss of \$192,326.88
- June Earned Interest:
  - Colorado Trust Interest Earned \$4.51
  - Colorado Trust YTD Interest Earned 35.60
  - Bank of the San Juan's Interest Earned \$0.00
  - Current Bank Balances: Total 226,649.16

- Total Assets, Liabilities and Equity:
  - Totals Assets \$881,617.01
  - Total Liabilities \$252,891.05
  - Total Equity \$628,725.96
- Ken Bay made a motion to approve the June Financials, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Randy Bruggink, no further discussion. June Financials Approved Unanimously.

### **Old Business:**

- Update on July 3<sup>rd</sup> BBQ
  - Raised \$46,795.95
  - Had a resident who wrote donation check for \$25,000.00
  - Served over 400 meals, 3 Sponsor tables. Massive event, thanks to ALL who worked and came
- Volunteer Round UP – had over 60 folks sign up, 50 volunteers now on Fire Brigade.
- Garage Sale Labor Day Weekend
  - Tent was given to Four Mile from Lake George will be put up on 8/7. Will use this for Garage Sale donations. John will inventory
  - Guffey will help us advertise
  - May only need 1 day set up if tent works

### **New Business:**

#### **General:**

- Jason Feagin excused for tonight's meeting - work
- Steve Witcher excused for August meeting – vacation
- Mill Levy Election - 11/2/21, John Capaci agrees to be DOE. Crystal Schott agreed to be Deputy DOE. Need to verify eligible voters. Board needs to approve moving forward on having an ballot issue on Mill Levy Increase. Voted to seek increase of Mill Levy from 5.93 to 10.60. Steve Witcher made motion to increase Mill Levy to 10.60 subject to attorney advising we increase or decrease based on their research. Go with what attorney recommends, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Randy Bruggink. Approved Unanimously. Need to approve next meeting, Motion to approve Ballot issue.
- Steve Witcher would like he and Jon Luksch to meet with County Treasurer

#### **Chief's Report**

- We participated in County Chipper Program. We chipped 73 piles for citizens, lots of work.
- We have installed Fire Signs for Lakemoor and Navajo Mtn Mesa. Tried to install CCME but they are unable to locate hardware. Steve Witcher requested a bill on costs of erecting Lakemoor signs.
- Individual assigned to us for Community Service, he will be polishing trucks
- 800 MHz are in and being programmed by County. We will be receiving free antennae kits and may have to pay for installer.
- Chief has quote for Motorola handhelds, each \$ 3500.00, will need 3. OEM said do not order Teller County will purchase for us.
- Radio license renewal is complete, had to eliminate broad band instead of narrow band.

- Reviewing officer positions – some are no longer here, may be losing another one, due to a move. Carl Sanders promoted to Wildland Lt. Randy Bruggink promoted to Line Capt. and Jon Luksch Fire Dept Safety Officer
- CCME Wildland Plan approved by County and gone to State
- Wildland Symposium – gone meeting, might be holding those twice a year
- Four Mile Fire’s Hazard Mitigation Plan has been approved by County, State and FEMA.
- We have been doing patrols on Monday mornings of known camping areas. Checking on campfires. Jim Griesemer is spear heading this. Sheriff and some of the Commissioners were talking about this to the Colorado Springs Gazette. The Gazette is sending a reporter and photographer to follow Jim and crew around on Monday morning. We will be in the Gazette.
- Florissant Fire has hired their Chief – thank you Jay for all of your hard work helping them.
- Renay Bueller is in California, on administrative leave for a few months. She will be in touch with Chief.
- Training – Tree felling class, remainder of month we will focus on extrication. Looking at sending Capt. Benavidez for fire camp for Fire Instructor 1 class, and would also like to send Capt. Benavidez, Lt. Sanders, Lt. Estes and Cade McKee, Annual Colorado Wildfire Seminar.
- Fire Hose, for Structure engine need to be replaced \$1750. Looking to begin hose testing. We have a hose tester.
- **Captain Benavidez Report:**
  - Total 54 calls, 35 calls are actual 911, incl 19 burn permits, 8 fire, 17 medicals, rest are calls for service.
  - Capt. Benavidez is trying to get approval for EMT class at Four Mile, need 10 or more
- **Captain Pitts Report:**
  - All apparatus is back in service
  - Bad Rock bill was for Ambulance, they were able to look at the very next day
- **Captain Lopez EMS Report:**
  - Resigned from the Department
- **Shop Foreman’s Randy Bruggink Report:**
  - Washed 5 vehicles, have Ambulance to do
  - Capt. Benavidez and Shop Foreman will be working on cleaning and organizing conex attached to building.

#### **Other Business**

- Chief received a Cease-and-Desist Order from the State of Colorado, to stop posing as a practicing paramedic. Health Dept received two complaints that he was practicing as a paramedic, however, they had no examples /proof. He asked who filed the complaint, they were not able to tell him that. He would need to file a civil suit to find that out. Chief responded to complaint in writing, lady from State called him and all is well. Apparently, this type of complaining is typical for Fire Chief’s. As of now Chief is not pursuing.
- Lindy Luksch, Board President, made a motion to seek legal advice from attorney and go with her recommendations. Steve 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved.

- Steve Witcher, Board Treasurer, this is not an attack on Jay, it is an attack on the Board. Steve agrees we seek legal advice. We need to make a motion, that if she recommends proceeding with a lawsuit, we do it, without waiting for another board meeting.
- Chief appreciates our support but does not want us to spend money finding out who is rubbing his name in the dirt.
- Discussion of items supposedly belonging to Inc. Board

**Correspondence:** None at this time.

Public Comment: Randy Hayes, how is it going merging radio contact with Tallahassee? Chief, once we get 800 MHz radios it will be better. Then we will have mutual aide not only for fire but also EMS.

Deb MacDonald – very upset to hear about issue regarding Jay. She would like us to seek legal advice. But she would like it to end.

**Meeting Adjourned at: 19:10**