

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

KREMMLING FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, October 10, 2024

Board Members Present: Don Eggers, Alan Hassler, Sharon Cesar, Jim White, and Jim Carland
Board Members Absent:

Others Present: Fire Chief Tony Tucker, and Asst. Chief Brady Mathis

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by President Don Eggers

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the September 12, 2024 Regular Board Meeting were presented.

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2024 AS CORRECTED, WAS MADE BY HASSLER. SECONDED BY CARLAND. MOTION CARRIED.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report was presented. The monthly bills were presented.

A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT DATED THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2024, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,748.33 WAS MADE BY CESAR. SECONDED BY WHITE. MOTION CARRIED.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Administration:

Runs for the month: 15 - YTD 98

- Weekend coverage is marginal but still seem to be getting 3 to 4 firefighters out the door. No additional ideas at this point. We will try to make do. We will give the weekend on call some time to see if it will work.
- Waiting on information/numbers to increase some of the fleet from VFIS.
- UBB has offered to give us a better interest rate with our checking account but would need the normal process to do so - motion, approved motion and then new signature cards. The account number would stay the same. The minimum balance would be \$2500.00.
- Tawnya has been in contact with Patrick Hall to possibly do our audit. More info to come.
- Don't forget we need to amend the 24 budget - process soon.
- 2025 preliminary budget. As far as utilities updates, the town manager has been made aware of the agreement we have on water charges. It will be discussed at a future town meeting.

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- Aron Report
 - Fire prevention was done on October 8th and 9th.
 - Three places that we are posting on social media. Facebook, Instagram, and X. We will continue future outreach on all 3 platforms.
 - We are going to do an orientation with the one recruit we currently have. It will be a fast track version of the normal orientation.
 - Is working on a retention strategy for the current volunteers. There will be a Bronco watch party.

Operations:

- Have made repairs on the damaged spreader. Saved 50% by taking the spreader to them instead of them coming up here.
- Annual hydrant flows have been completed with exception of two new ones at the Muddy Creek Cabins. The town will change the local fill hydrant to a pay as you go next year. It seems like there are fewer issues by flowing them more frequently.
- New batteries were installed in 414. We purchased them at a great price.
- Will be putting two SCBA packs on E-418.
- Have added a SOG for Airport/Crash Rescue responses. We have had one incident recently and we see that the airport is getting a lot busier.

Old Business:

- Overhead doors ordered and work hopefully to begin soon. Eggers requested that we get a final lien waiver for DH Pace. Eggers will provide documentation. It basically states that the contractor has paid all of his employees and suppliers and that KFPD is released of all liability.
- No updates on possible annexation to the town. Tucker did meet with the builder on the possibility of an additional subdivision in town. More to come.

New Business:

- Grand County to remain in Stage 1 fire restrictions.
- The county has inquired about using Station 2 for Search and Rescue. Tucker and Mathis both feel it is time to move forward with some kind of plan for that building which does not include KFPD using it. It is our opinion to sell it. Tucker and Mathis talked to a realtor who suggested a few things. One was to have a builder look at it and tell us what it would cost to replace it. Then to figure out the market value and the depreciation concept. Then take those 3 numbers and somehow come up with a value. Eggers thought that for that building \$200 a square foot might be inline with the going rate.
 - Previously we had talked about storing 409 at station 2 but we will probably sell it.

End of Report

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CEBT RENEWAL

A MOTION TO APPROVE RENEWAL OF THE CEBT HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES UNDER THE CURRENT PLAN OF THE PPO2 DENTAL A, VISION A, LIFE A, AND EAP COVERAGE AT \$1182 PER EMPLOYEE WAS MADE BY HASSLER. SECONDED BY CESAR. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT BOARD BYLAWS

- The board of directors identified that the copy of the bylaws that was presented, did not have the most current corrections.

A MOTION TO TABLE ITEM NUMBER EIGHT FROM THE AGENDA TO THE NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING WAS MADE BY CARLAND. SECONDED BY CESAR. MOTION CARRIED.

2024 BUDGET AMENDMENT

A MOTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR NOVEMBER 14, 2024 FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE 2024 BUDGET WAS MADE BY HASSLER. SECONDED BY WHITE. MOTION CARRIED.

AN AMENDED MOTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR NOVEMBER 14, 2024 AT 6:25 FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE 2024 BUDGET WAS MADE BY HASSLER. SECONDED BY WHITE. MOTION CARRIED.

2025 PROPOSED BUDGET

A MOTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2025 BUDGET FOR NOVEMBER 14, 2024 AT 6:30PM WAS MADE BY HASSLER. SECONDED BY CARLAND. MOTION CARRIED.

REVIEW OF THE 2025 BUDGET

- Page one beginning balance needs to be updated to match the amended 2024 ending balance
 - Our approved budget numbers will change when we amend the budget and all of the numbers will update and we just need to make sure that our beginning balance reflects the amended ending balance from 2024.
- Page 3 of 3 of the general fund capital outlay under vehicles on the 2025 proposed budget needs to be changed from \$270 thousand to \$582 thousand. That will reflect throughout the rest of the budget.
- Will talk to Aron about awards and incentives

DISTRICT COVERAGE

- The 3 paid firefighters are rotating on call. The original draft of volunteers on call was thrown out the window but we still are getting good coverage from the volunteers. The plan is evolving as we go.
- We understand that the new recruit program is new and we will change it as we go. One on one time might be super beneficial.

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OLD BUSINESS

- Review VFIS insurance on the trucks.
- It was questioned if the contents amount was enough.
- We are still waiting for numbers to come back from VFIS

NEW BUSINESS

- President Eggers reported on a meeting that was held with the town mayor and the presidents of the special districts within the Town of Kremmling to create a communication between all the districts. It was thought that it would be helpful if all the districts could cross post communication platforms.
 - They want to hold meetings on a quarterly basis.
 - Sharing of employees was discussed.
 - There was a lot of good information shared that gave a good understanding of what projects are coming up and common problems and concerns.
- Strategic planning was brought up in the president's meeting. Eggers thought it would be a good idea for KFPD to look at a five year plan.
- It was discussed if it was a good idea for KFPD to get a higher yield interest rate with United Business Bank for the checking account. The board wants to switch the checking account to a higher interest rate account, keeping the same checking account number so that new checks are not needed.

A MOTION THAT THE KREMMLING FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT CHANGE ITS BUSINESS CHECKING ACCOUNT ENDING IN 5608 FROM THE NOW BUSINESS CHECKING ACCOUNT TO THE HIGHER INTEREST YIELD WAS MADE BY HASSLER. SECONDED BY CESAR. MOTION CARRIED.

- SDA Renewal
 - VFIS specifically excludes crime coverage and SDA pool coverage has that as well as required public official bond.

A MOTION THAT THE KREMMLING FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT CONTINUE THEIR COVERAGE WITH THE COLORADO PROPERTY AND LIABILITY POOL FOR COVERAGE THAT WE CURRENTLY HAVE WAS MADE BY HASSLER. SECONDED BY WHITE. MOTION CARRIED.

- We have an invoice for our cab and chassis for the new truck that is due upon receipt of the chassis that is projected to arrive at the builder at the end of January or beginning of February of 2025.
 - Tucker suggested that we hold on to the money as long as we can so we can continue to collect the interest on the money and the board agreed.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon K Cesar, Secretary

SKC:tmb