

CENTRAL ORCHARD MESA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board Meeting – March 5, 2020

**PENSION BOARD MEETING:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Randy Patterson. In attendance were Randy Zellner, Dave Larsen, Tim Bevan, Murray Theissen and John Sigle. A quorum was established. Others in attendance were Chief Dave Gitchell and Administrative Assistant Linda Weber.

Minutes of the February 2020 Board Meeting was read. **MOTION** by Tim Bevan and seconded by Randy Zellner to accept the February 2020 minutes as written. Minutes approved 6 to 0.

**OLD PENSION BUSINESS:**

Linda Weber reported she couldn't start the new \$300 pension benefit in March. FPPA needed a signed copy of the February minutes. She will turn in the minutes this week and hope that the new benefit can start in April.

**NEW PENSION BUSINESS:**

Everyone on the board expressed their sympathy at the passing of Ron Raschke. Chief Gitchell reminded everyone of the funeral on March 6<sup>th</sup> at the Veterans Cemetery.

Linda Weber reviewed the latest FPPA financial reports. Direct expenses for 2019 were \$1,171.00. These expenses were for actuarial and audit costs. The department contributed \$38,397.00 last year and according to the study we only needed \$23,306.00. We are ahead by \$15,091.00. With the increase in benefit starting this year it is yet to be determined how this will affect the contribution status. Earnings for last year were 14.76%.

Being no other pension board business Randy Patterson closed the meeting at 7:05 PM.

**FIRE BOARD MEETING:**

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM by President Randy Patterson with board members Randy Zellner, Dave Larsen and Tim Bevan in attendance. A Quorum was established. Others present were Chief Dave Gitchell, Assistant Chief Murray Theissen and Administrative Assistant Linda Weber.

Minutes for February 2020 were read. **MOTION** by Tim Bevan and seconded by Randy Zellner to accept the February 2020 minutes. Motion carried 4 to 0.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

Linda Weber gave the treasurers report. She went over the expenses for the month.

**MOTION** by Tim Bevan and seconded by Randy Zellner to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried 4 + 0.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Tim Bevan said he has talked with Ute Water and they can come out and detect where the water leak may be. It is suspected to be somewhere in the concrete flooring about 1 foot from the north wall. Tim believes they will be able to help locate the leak. He will contact Ute Water again to schedule a test.

Chief Gitchell gave an update on the progress with the City of Grand Junction and contract negotiations. Apparently, there was a mis-communication with the City and nothing as progressed in the last month. Chief Watkins has told Chief Gitchell that he has a meeting with his people on March 6<sup>th</sup> and this topic will be on the agenda.

Randy Zellner asked what our problems were in not being able to handle our calls within the district. Chief Gitchell and Asst. Chief Murray Theissen explained the multiple problems of obtaining and retaining volunteers, volunteers working during the day, nobody able to respond and the changes coming from the new medical director on patient care.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Linda Weber reminded the board that they had 60 days to appoint a new board member to replace Ron Raschke. She also asked the board to appoint a new secretary to replace that position on the board. Tim Bevan nominated Randy Zellner. Being no other nominations a **MOTION** by Tim Bevan and Seconded by Randy Patterson was made to appoint Randy Zellner as the new secretary for the board. Motion carried 4+0.

Chief Gitchell suggested asking John Sigle if he would be interested in joining the board and a board member. Chief Gitchell or Murray will approach John and ask him if he is interested.

**MOTION** by Tim Bevan and seconded by Randy Zellner to approve Resolution 2020-003 to apply for exemption from audit for the year 2020. Motion approved 4+0.

**MOTION** by Tim Bevan and seconded by Randy Zellner to adopt the new ambulance rates for year 2020 as calculated in accordance with the Mesa County EMS Resolution and the CPI formula. Motion approved 4+0.

**MOTION** by Randy Zellner and seconded by Dave Larsen to approve Resolution 2020-004 cancelling the election for 2020 as no additional applicants were received. Motion approved 4+0.

**CHIEF'S REPORT:**

**CALLS:** 14 calls for the month of February. Two transports by Clifton. Clifton was on 4 calls, one cancelled and one was Ron Raschke. 12 medical calls, 2 transported by law enforcement and five by us. One alarm was cancelled, one transport by private party. One fire call, after hours ag burn where a post caught on fire. One of our volunteers went over and put it out.

**Recruitment and Retention:** Had one new application but he is probably just a stepping stone volunteer. We have backed off of applicants for now until we hear from the City of Grand Junction on a possible response contract.

**Membership:** Ten total. Eight regular and two probationary.

**Meeting Notice:** Next month meeting may be cancelled if there is no pressing business. Linda Weber will notify the board if we need a meeting.

**AJDOURMENT:**

Randy Patterson adjourned the meeting at 8:01PM.  
Next meeting possibly scheduled for April 2, 2020

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Weber: Administrative Assistant

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Randy ~~Zellner, Secretary~~  
PATTERSON, CHAIRMAN