

CENTRAL ORCHARD MESA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board Meeting – January 2, 2020

PENSION BOARD MEETING:

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

Minutes of the December 2019 Board Meeting was read. **MOTION** by Randy Zellner and seconded by Tim Bevan to accept the December 2019 minutes as written. Minutes approved 6 to 0.

OLD PENSION BUSINESS:

None.

NEW PENSION BUSINESS:

Linda Weber went over the different scenarios for monthly pension payments if the board decides to close the pension fund and pay out members with less than 20 years of service. The board asked if the current pension members would be included in the increase in funds and Linda didn't believe the study took that additional payment into consideration but she wasn't sure. She was going to check and find out.

Discussion continued about the possible contract with Grand Junction Fire. **MOTION** by Tim Bevan – Contingent on signing a contract for services with Grand Junction Fire, anyone with 15 or more years of service will be eligible for Central Orchard Mesa Fire Pension. Motion was tabled for further discussion next month.

Being no other pension board business Randy Patterson closed the meeting at 7:29 PM.

FIRE BOARD MEETING:

Meeting called to order at 7:29 PM by President Randy Patterson with board members Ron Raschke, Randy Zellner and Tim Bevan in attendance. Dave Larsen was absent with an excused absence. A Quorum was established. Others present were Chief Dave Gitchell, Assistant Chief Murray Theissen and Administrative Assistant Linda Weber.

Minutes for December 2019 were read. **MOTION** by Randy Zellner and seconded by Tim Bevan to accept the December 2019 minutes. Motion carried 4 to 0.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Linda Weber gave the treasurers report. The department received slightly more than was projected for the year 2019 only by \$651.00. Estimates were pretty close to actual revenue projections in tax revenue. Transportation revenue was 59% more than projected. Projected \$20,000 and brought in \$31,888.93. This next year there may be a delay in some revenue due to the changeover of the billing agency. Total Expenses for the year were \$166,281.73 due to a large grant purchase of SCBA's and bottles, I-Pads and the purchase of a replacement ambulance. The department ended the year with \$348,548.64 in the bank.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION by Tim Bevan and seconded by Randy Zellner to approve Resolution 2020-001 to designate Central Orchard Mesa Fire Protection District, 3253 B ½ Road, as the board meeting place, at 7:00 PM the 1st Thursday of each month. Also, the 24 hour notice of meeting to be posted at the Fire Station, 3253 B ½ Road. Motion carried 4 + 0.

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS: Linda Weber asked each board member present if they had any personal financial (monetary or gift) gain in dealing with the fire department. All four members present acknowledged they did not have any conflicts.

MOTION by Tim Bevan and seconded by Randy Zellner to approve the filing for an Exemption from Audit for the year 2019. Motion carried 4 + 0.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

CALLS: Calls for December – 4 calls total. 3 medical with transport. 1 Fire call – steam from the Orchard Mesa Greenhouse. 160 total calls for 2019. Three calls this year. One structure fire, not in our district. Red Cross was called for assistance to the family.

IT – New I-Pads are in and will be working with Verizon to get service to the I-Pads as well as change over the service for phone and internet at the station.

Building – Haven't received the water bill for last month yet but the water has been turned off until it can get repaired. The line is broke between the meter and the building (or in the slab of the building). With several thousands of gallons being billed it should be showing up somewhere but it isn't.

Vehicles – Replaced the batteries in the ambulance today. There is a constant draw all the time but it has a battery charger that should keep it up. There may be something wrong with the charger or plug.

Personnel – Asst. Chief Murray Theissen reported losing new members who just completed the EMT class. Apparently Clifton and Palisade brought applications to the class. Their

departments also have a Pay Per Call program. One of our people has ended up going to Palisade. Of the nine people we have put through EMT class we have one left.

AJOURMENT:

Randy Patterson adjourned the meeting at 8:05 PM.
Next meeting scheduled for February 6, 2020

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Weber: Administrative Assistant

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Attest: Ron Raschke, Secretary