

MINUTES
GREATER BRIGHTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
500 S. 4th Avenue, 6th Floor, BRIGHTON, COLORADO 80601

April 9, 2014

- Call to Order

Vice President Gerhardt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

- Roll Call

Present

Dean Morris, President (Excused)
Scott Gerhardt, Vice President
Frank Serafini, Treasurer
Arlin Riggi, Secretary
Don Rowe, Assistant Secretary

Also in Attendance

Mark A. Bodane, Fire Chief	Gerard Lutz, Battalion Chief-Training	Ron Delvanthal, Retiree
Kris Krengel, Division Chief - Fire Marshal	Lynn Baca, Councilwoman	Chris Mulberry, PVMC
John Schissler, Division Chief – Tech. Svcs	Phil Beehler, Battalion Chief	Carl Craige, PVMC
Mike Schuppe, Division Chief - Operations	Ken Maine, Firefighter	Tom Hillson
Rita Saunders, Finance Manager	David DiLorenzo, Engineer	Friends and Family
Carol Thompson, Administrative Assistant	Whitney Means, Fire Inspector	
Michelle Ferguson, District Legal Counsel	Robert Baumgartner, Retiree	

- Presentations: Badging and swearing in of the new Fire Inspector

Division Chief Kris Krengel introduced Whitney Means to the Board and gave a brief history on her background. Whitney came to the District from Aurora Fire where she was a fire inspector. Prior to that she was with North Metro Fire where she was a fire safety educator. Whitney's family was present and her father did her badge pinning. Refreshments followed.

- Call for Changes to the Agenda

MOTION: Treasurer Serafini made a motion to approve the agenda, as presented.

SECOND: Assistant Secretary Rowe

APPROVAL: Motion carried unanimously.

- Public Comment

Tom Hillson, formerly of the Platte Valley Ambulance, addressed the Board requesting a status update of the pending paramedic program. Chief Bodane noted that the First Amendment to Platte Valley Medical Center Agreement is on the Agenda for consideration by the Board. This Amendment defines how the District will implement the paramedic program in cooperation with Platte Valley Medical Center and the PVA. It was noted that the District has two paramedics on line and six members in paramedic school to meet the obligations under this amendment. Chief Bodane noted that the program is funded partially through an EMS grant and partially through the District's operating costs. Mr. Hillson had a list of questions for the Board, but Legal Counsel advised Mr. Hillson that the Public Comment portion of the agenda was not an opportunity to engage in discussion with the Board, but rather for members of the public to make any statements it had concerning issues addressing the District, and invited Mr. Hillson to make any such statements or submit a request for records from the District that may address his questions. He declined.

Carl Craige from Platte Valley Ambulance addressed the Board to formally introduce the new Assistant Chief Paramedic, Chris Mulberry. It was noted that Thom Hillson retired from PVA effective March 28, 2014. Chris will be running the paramedic training program as well as the day-to-day operations.

Lynn Baca, City of Brighton Councilwoman, addressed the Board on issues regarding oil and gas drilling permit requests. Ms. Baca noted that on April 1st 2014, the City of Brighton rescinded the temporary suspension of the oil and gas drilling permit request process that had been put in place in the spring of 2012 but was not passed in 2013 by the seated Council. The newly elected Council and Planning Commission were brought up to date on the project. The City had discussions with the oil and gas industry association and the State of Colorado regarding this issue before rescinding their suspension. Ms. Baca noted that oil and gas drilling as it pertains to shallow wells and aquifers is a new area of concern for the State of Colorado, but is not currently addressed in the State regulations. Ms. Baca allowed for questions from the Board.

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- Action Items

- Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Financial Report year-to-date ending February 28, 2014
2. Approval of March 2014 accounts payable checks
GF check numbers 24975 to 25045 and ACH Standard AFLAC and Standard Insurance
HW check numbers 279 to 284 and check numbers 1700 to 1702 and ACH Anthem, Cigna Health, Standard Insurance and on-going Flexible Spending Account
CD check numbers 2621 to 26228
Total March 2014 expenditures: \$663,432
3. Approval of March 12, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Treasurer Serafini made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

SECOND: Assistant Secretary Rowe

APPROVAL: Motion carried unanimously.

- Reports/Informational Items

- Chief's Report:

In addition to his written report, Chief Bodane updated the Board on the following items:

1. Brighton Housing Authority allowed the District to use the Platte Valley Manor Senior Center, located at 185 S. Southern, as a training site before its destruction. It was noted that the building was a great asset providing the firefighters with quality training experience. Chief Bodane will officially thank the Housing Authority during their Board meeting on Thursday, April 9th.
2. Over the last several months Chief Bodane has met with several Weld County organizations as well as the Weld County Commissioners regarding the dual ambulance response into the District's territory. Weld County contracts with Banner Health for ambulance service; Banner Health is automatically dispatched for any emergency call in Weld County. Banner Health will need to submit a letter approving a change to their contract stating that Banner Health will no longer be automatically dispatched into the Weld County portions of the District since we already have Platte Valley Ambulance servicing that area. Upon receipt of this letter, the Commissioners would agree to the District's request that Banner Health not be dispatched into our District unless requested.
3. Chief Bodane attended a planning meeting where a developer for Love's Truck Stop is looking at the area near Highway 85 and CR 2. During the discussions, the Urban Renewal Authority representative indicated to the representatives for Love's, that the URA would like for Loves to be a part of the Authority. The Board was reminded that the Greater Brighton Fire District is 98% property tax driven. If property is in the Urban Renewal Authority, the Fire District does not get those taxes. Any vacant land that is put into the Urban Renewal Authority, tax dollars that we levy our taxes against, are not going to the Fire District, they are going to Urban Renewal. The impact on the Fire District is greater than on other taxing bodies because we are 98% property tax funded. It was also noted by Chief Bodane that Love's Truck Stop did not ask to be put into the Urban Renewal Authority. Developing at that location was not contingent upon them getting into the Urban Renewal Authority nor receiving any other tax benefits. Chief Bodane objected to the process of soliciting such benefits as a condition of annexation. He raised his objections both during the planning meeting and objected in writing to the City of Brighton.

- Division Chief – Fire Prevention Report:

Division Chief Krengel added the following to his written report:

1. Ross received their Certificate of Occupancy on 4/9/14 and will start stocking immediately. Planned opening is Memorial weekend.
2. The new King Soopers Marketplace, located at 50th Avenue and Bridge, plan to open during the July 4th weekend.
3. Colorado Credit Union is in the process of buying the old Valley Bank building at 27th Avenue and Bridge Street.
4. The District has expressed concerns in managing fires in homes with solar panels, specifically how firefighters are to safely respond. Structures with solar panels have wiring that is always energized posing a new safety risk. Fire fighters will be unable to turn off the electricity, unless covered with a

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special black blanket. The District is making contact with an organization that holds training classes for first responders on how to deal with solar systems.

Division Chief – Technical Services Report:

Division Chief Schissler added the following to his written report:

1. Station 52 remodel on the double wide trailer is almost completed.
2. He thanked Thom Hillson for his years of service.
3. Engine 54 is out of service due to broken springs. Should be back in service early next week.
4. Engine 55 will go down for in frame motor work. Should take about a week to complete.

Division Chief – Operations:

Division Chief Schuppe added the following to his written report.

1. There was an increase in serious calls during the month of March. Crews did a great job on those incidents. The District received comments from north area fire chiefs who were listening during the structure fires and commended the District members on their professionalism and radio traffic during these incidents.
2. Board was updated on the paramedic academy. All six students passed their mid-terms. Chief Schuppe also thanked Carl Craige and Chris Mulberry for their time and assistance in study sessions.

Financial Report:

Finance Manager Saunders had nothing to add to her written report.

Attorneys' Report

Attorney Ferguson added the following to her written report:

1. Updated the Board on the Vestas land donation agreement. Item will come before the Board for approval in the near future.

- Old Business

There was no old business brought before the Board.

- New Business

First Amendment to Platte Valley Medical Center Agreement

Chief Bodane highlighted the following items from the agreement. The process started in 2012 required many discussions with the CEO of Platte Valley Medical Center and the District, each with different intents and philosophies, do develop a good understanding of what both parties see as a unified vision for providing advance life support services within the fire district. The Agreement provides ALS service throughout the entire Fire District, and includes the following specifics:

1. The agreement with the Medical Center would mandate that the District have ALS engines at Stations 53, 54 and 55 by December 31, 2016. District is on track with the current paramedic program to meet these requirements.
2. For areas served by Stations 51 and 52, the primary ALS will continue to be PVA, which is currently based at those stations, as long as those ambulances meet a response time of 8-minutes 90% of the time in any 12-month period. If PVA does not meet that criterion, the hospital will add an additional ambulance or the Fire District will upgrade an engine to a paramedic level. Under tier II response levels, if PVA does not meet the 12-minute response time, Platte Valley Medical Center must add a new ambulance.
3. Currently, the ALS ambulance paramedic team arrives; they take over the responsibility of treatment control and direction. This process will continue with the new paramedics that staff an engine.
4. The hospital will continue to provide the joint medical director and provide the monthly continuing education.
5. Current agreement that was scheduled to expire in 2019 has been extended until 2024, which is a five year extension.

Director Gerhardt and Director Serafini thanked all of those who worked together over the past 18 months to put this document together.

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MOTION: Assistant Secretary Rowe made a motion to approve the First Amendment to Agreement between Brighton Fire Rescue District and Platte Valley Medical Center.

SECOND: Secretary Riggi

APPROVAL: Motion carried unanimously.

- Adjournment

MOTION: Treasurer Serafini made a motion to adjourn at 7:01 p.m.

SECOND: Assistant Secretary Rowe

APPROVAL: Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Arlin Riggi, Secretary