

Amended Albany County Fire District #1 Meeting Minutes October 16, 2019

Meeting called to order at 5:10pm. Board members present were Art Sigel, Joe Witt and Jon Essley.

No comments from the public. Chairman Sigel acknowledges the presence of Albany County Chairwomen Teri Jones and thanked her for attending.

Chairman Sigel moved to approve the September minutes as amended that PA 122 for \$871.00 is for VV2. Motion was seconded by Treasurer Witt and approved unanimously.

Financial Report – Fire pay has been paid at 50% rate, the rest will be dispersed when ACFD#1 receives payment. Secretary Essley moved to approve the financial report as presented. Motion was seconded by Chairman Sigel and approved unanimously. Shawn requested to see monthly expenses for BLVFD either on a monthly or annual basis.

Dispatch (LARC) – Things are going ok, and Steve has sent out corrective emails to the dispatchers, great progress with more work to do.

County Fire Warden – Two fires have been vouchered through the clerk. Chad is working on determining piles to burn per fire mitigation plans. The grant he submitted for this was denied, \$15,000 from ACFD#1 was anticipated as matching funds for that grant which was not received. The application with Travis Pardue for the Western Spruce Budworm Treatment grant was submitted.

EMA – Five members of her team are now red carded drivers and can assist in moving supplies if we have several fires. Central requested some items from monies leftover in the Hazard Mitigation Emergency Preparedness grant (4 haz mat kits and a plug kit). A tabletop exercise is scheduled for October 24, 25, or 26 at the airport. The topic is a gas line leak that causes a wildfire. Next year the live exercise training will be around that topic. Training for ENG boss (300/400 class) in Jan/Feb.

Fire Pay – Chairman Sigel moved to pay out fire pay for fires we have paperwork on at 50%, with a dip into the reserves for this specific purpose only, and the other 50% to be paid when ACFD#1 receives the money from the federal government. Motion was seconded by Treasurer Witt and approved unanimously.

Engine Speed Limits Policy – Policy was discussed. Needs to be a balance, but it is important to have these rules, as every time someone from ACFD#1 does something someone from the City contacts Chairman Sigel about it. More work needs to be done, the Chief's will work on it and bring it back. Chairman Sigel moved to implement the following while the Chief's are working on the policy: ACFD#1 won't speed in the City, ACFD#1 will keep it down to 10 mph over outside the city, and ACFD#1 will minimize the use of siren. Motion was seconded by Treasurer Witt and approved unanimously.

Proposed Vehicle Accident Policy that was discussed last month. There are two policies related to driver's licensing, there is equipment maintenance and policy on speed limits. The Board is planning to take existing policies and put under one heading Vehicle Operations. Won't change the policies, just put all in one place. We also have AC20 and AC27 Response Policy with Dylan stated can be removed; the Board will have to vote on that.

Air Compressors for SCBA's – Central and BLVFD work together for grant funding. The Homeland Security Grant due in March would cover this. It is a zero match grant. The VFA grant is open and applications are due December 13th.

Wind Farm Compensation Funds – a lot of potential, however we do not know when we would receive the funds, if we receive the funds. Next wind farm by Boulder Ridge – need towers, improved roads – something to think about/ask for. Aimee mentioned that some equipment in the school system interfere with WyoLink. Request has been made for a whole community meeting to discuss. Meeting scheduled from November 22nd at 1300 hours. Aimee will confirm the location.

Paddocks 2 Access – Planning & Zoning approved the final plat for the next phase without including ACFD#1 request. Chairman Sigel met with the developer and he feels the gates are appropriate and does not intend to change those gates. Instead he intends to provide a semi upgraded road. The issue is having to stop to open a gate when there is an emergency. The International Fire Code (IFC), if it were followed, would allow ACFD#1 to recover that minute of having to stop, which could be lifesaving.

Chief's Report – Some work to do on including a tender dispatch in the Vehicle Dispatch policy. Chairman Sigel would like to see the Emergency Reporting reports at the end of the year to how the tenders were used/deployed.

Central – Twelve new firefighters with three additional laterals; looking for more gear, will start with VFA grant. Secretary Essley moved to approve up to \$1500 to repair Tender 31 at 50/50 split (\$750 ACFD/\$750 Central). Motion was seconded by Treasurer Witt and approved unanimously. PA 213

BLVFD – Chairman Sigel moved to approve \$1100 (100% BLVFD funds) to fix garage doors/seals at a total cost of \$2200 (\$1100 of that from auxiliary). Motion was seconded by Secretary Essley and approved unanimously. PA 214

Country Fair fundraiser November 2nd at Harmony School from 9-2.

The Board approved the BLVFD Incident Response Policy as a department SOP.

Chairman Sigel moved to approve the Polaris side by side donation for BLVFD4. Motion was seconded by Treasurer Witt and approved unanimously.

Charles McGee is donating a command vehicle to the auxiliary and the auxiliary will be donating to the department, there is no money being exchanged.

Chairman Sigel moved to approve \$500 (100% BLVFD funds) for Shawn to attend the WY Rural Firefighting Association Convention in Cody December 4-7. Motion seconded by Secretary Essley and approved unanimously. PA 215

VVFD – Chairman Sigel moved that the Board would encourage VVFD to divest itself of VV4 without engaging repair costs. Motion was seconded by Treasurer Witt and approved unanimously.

TSVFD – Road open, no cisterns; will have to draft water out of other sources.

CVVFD – MS 146 needs new brakes after call on Centennial Ridge Road. Board does not pay for repairs on ambulances, the auxiliary has to cover that.

Public question – If the auxiliary has to pay for all ambulance repairs, then why can't they get the funds from selling one and upgrading to another. Why should the auxiliaries fund raise if they can't retain the equity in the vehicle. Any money received from the sale of a vehicle belongs to the tax payers, the funds in departments accounts are tax payer funds. ACFD#1 pays to house, fuel and provide insurance on ambulances only. The Boards hands are statutorily tied when it comes to EMS as State Statute allows counties to establish fire districts to help with and maintain fire operations only, this does not include EMS. Communities can set up an EMS district through an election process. Currently we have a hospital district and they have the responsibility for providing health care and therefore EMS is controlled out of Iverson Memorial Hospital.

Chairman Sigel moved to approve \$400 at a 50/50 split (\$200 ACFD/\$200 CVVFD) to repair Unit 11. Motion was seconded by Secretary Essley and approved unanimously. PA 216
Need to upgrade computer for fire department; come back with proposal for the Board to review.

Please make proposals to the Board before the board meetings so the Board members do not have to make decisions on the fly. Teri Jo will resend the Expense and Reimbursement Policy to the Board.

Expenditures by the Board totaling \$3500.00 up to \$1500 to repair Tender 31 at 50/50 split (\$750 ACFD/\$750 Central); \$1100 (100% BLVFD funds) to fix garage doors/seals at a total cost of \$2200 (\$1100 of that from auxiliary); \$500 (100% BLVFD funds) for Shawn to attend the WY Rural Firefighting Association Convention in Cody December 4-7; \$400 at a 50/50 split (\$200 ACFD/\$200 CVVFD) to repair Unit 10.

Next Meeting November 20, 2019.
Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm

Respectively Submitted,
Michele Turner, ACFD#1 Administrative Assistant