

ROCKVILLE/SPRINGDALE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
PO Box 159
Springdale, UT 84767
May 23, 2018

Roll Call and Call to Order – Chairman Aton called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The following members of the Rockville Springdale Fire Protection District were present. Chuck Passek, Randy Aton, Jeff Carlson, Bob Ford, and Dan McGuire. Kevin Gildea from Hurricane Valley Fire present and Megan Ewell recording.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda - Jeff Carlson made a motion to approve the agenda. Dan McGuire seconded, and a roll call vote indicated all those present in favor

Public Comment – no public comment

Bob Ford did speak up on behalf of public that had come to him with concerns regarding the use of sirens when the Hurricane Valley Fire Department responds to emergencies. He requested that the staff use discretion due to being in the canyon and the echo it causes. Kevin Gildea responded that they are dispatched by Washington County emergency services and calls are prioritized either A, B, C, or D. C and D calls require the use of sirens because of the seriousness of call. Bob Ford questioned if sirens MUST be used. Kevin Gildea confirmed due to Utah Code, but stated they would be as mindful as possible.

A. Action Items - Administrative

1. Discussion and possible change of 2018 meeting schedule – Chairman Aton stated there will be much less on the Boards’ agenda due to many responsibilities being handled by the Washington County Commissioners and suggested going to quarterly meetings as it’s no longer imperative to meet monthly. The meeting on June 27 needs to be held to continue to discuss budget items for 2019. Bob Ford disagrees as there is only 18 months to figure out a solution to the future of the RSFPD. Chairman Aton stated that the only possible solutions are to have the Town of Springdale take over all emergency services or be fully absorbed by the Hurricane Valley Fire District. Jeff Carlson suggested coordinating with the Washington County Commissioners and Hurricane Valley Fire early for scheduling. Chairman Aton stated the June meeting will go on as normal and then go month to month to determine the schedule moving forward.

MOTION: Bob Ford made a motion to have the June, August, and September meetings as scheduled and leave up to the chair to call any other meetings as needed. Jeff Carlson seconded the motion and a roll call vote indicated all those present in favor.

2. Implementation of Impact Fee program – Jeff Carlson stated in the April 23 minutes a motion was already passed to proceed with implementing impact fees. He then confirmed Zions Bank timeline for implementation including public meetings and posting of notices, draft of resolution to adopt, holding hearing(s) for public comment, finalized by the Board acting to adopt with action item on agenda. Chairman Aton would like the process to begin in June

B. Discussion/Information/Non-action items

1. Fire Chief’s Report – Fire and EMS
 - a) Report on fire and ambulance activity since prior Board meeting – Kevin Gildea responded in April there were 17 total calls. For the period of May 1-May 22 there were a total of 14 calls. 1 fire calls, 13 EMS calls with an unknown amount of transports. Will have those figures for the next meeting as well as mutual aid calls for park response
 - b) Training update – none reported
 - c) Other department activities including status of upcoming expenditures and/or revenues – all current RSFPD apparatus were diagnosed by a certified fire mechanic. The following was found:
E91: Has water in oil in gearbox due to bad gasket, an air leak brake system which will be addressed, and bad water valves due to hard water (normal) – recommend surplus
E92: Muffler has holes, both pump packing need to be readjusted – recommend surplus

B91 – Has a broken mirror, water tank leak (will be addressed)

S91 – concerned by amount of weight of vehicle, needs to be weight to ensure not overweight - recommend surplus,

B92 - Manual transmission which not many know how to drive - recommend surplus,

Command 91 - Broken windshield, good vehicle otherwise but no use at this time - recommend surplus,

M91 - Ambulance in good condition no issues.

R91 – recommend surplus no room in station

Brutus '70s water tender – recommend surplus.

Chairman Aton requested a copy of the report of all vehicles. Dan McGuire asked what surplus means and Kevin Gildea responded sell/dispose of.

Chief Kuhlmann wants to move 1 HVF District ambulance to the fire house as back up along with a Brush truck and new fire engine so only 4 vehicles at the firehouse. Possibly building a fire station in Virgin and will consider sharing a water tender between both fire houses in the future.

Cardiac monitors on the ambulance need to be done once a year and will be worked in with HVF schedule of when they do theirs.

2. Chairman's Report – Chairman Aton met with the Washington County Commissioners to discuss any severance for personnel. Initially there was a 30 day hold but met again on May 17 and approved the severance packages for personnel who worked the month of April averaged over year to date. The Washington County Commissioners approved May salary and one-month severance for District Clerk Megan Ewell. Chief Ryan Ballard refused to sign his severance letter or respond within the specified timeframe if not agreeable therefore will not receive a severance. Bob Ford stated he has spoken with Chief Ballard to give him a reminder and stated that Chief Ballard felt the whole process was carried out poorly and impugned his character and reputation. Feels the contract needed to be reviewed by attorney and had stipulations that were not originally part of the contract. Dan McGuire stated initially if Chief Ballard agreed to cooperate with station take over he would get a 2nd month paid severance which did not occur. Chairman Aton stated the severance package offered did not have any stipulations out of the norm but did make sure rights for disability and unemployment were included. Chief Ballard was given 21 days to review with legal counsel and respond. He doesn't believe the severance contract had anything negative towards Chief Ballard, but the Board must protect itself and those they serve, which is why they had the attorney draw it up. Chairman Aton stated he's sorry that Chief Ballard left \$7,000 on the table, but it was his choice to not accept.

Chairman Aton asked Kevin Gildea to remind Chief Kuhlmann about the bill need to transfer funds. Chuck Passek believes still waiting for the amount to be prorated for the first payment. Chairman Aton stated a forward would be put in to the post office to transfer incoming mail to the Hurricane Valley Fire address. Fireworks discussed, and clarifications will be needed with changing of rules

Bob Ford requested the procedures for burn permits – Kevin Gildea responded the region is closed as per Washington County as of May 15

Kevin Gildea stated he received pricing information that Chairman Aton requested with all specifications for the new engine including used prebuilt and brand new custom order. He will fine tune the custom order with all specs to get firm price, so the Board can compare against Demo and make decision.

C. Consent Agenda

1. Prior month's expenses – reviewed no questions
2. Minutes: April 23, 2018 regular meeting minutes

MOTION: Jeff Carlson made a motion to approve the consent agenda less April 30 special meeting minutes. Bob Ford seconded, and a roll call vote indicated all those present in favor.

D. Administrative Non-action items

1. Standby Fee Accounts Receivable Aging Report – reported no questions
2. Ambulance accounts receivable report – reported no questions
3. April 2018 financial statements – reviewed no questions
4. General Board discussion – Bob Ford asked if the reserve fund will stay under the control of the RSFPD Board. Chairman Aton confirmed that is the case.
5. Identification of issues for future agenda – June meeting will discuss new engine pricing, surplus vehicles, and the impact fee public hearing and possible action item.

ADJOURN: Bob Ford made a motion to adjourn. Jeff Carlson seconded, and a roll call vote indicated all those present in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.