



**Gold Hill Fire Protection District
Board of Directors Meeting: Minutes
February 23, 2021**

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The minutes from the January meeting were unanimously approved with the following edits:

- Change of spelling of last name for Yeager
- 2nd Gold Hill Fire call was called off due to it being an Indian Peaks call and out of Gold Hill District

Chief Report

The Chief Report was submitted in person via zoom by Chief Chris Finn.

- No calls
- Recaps of 2020
 - Gold Hill Fire provided 33 class opportunities to firefighters
 - 105 hours of total training time for firefighters
 - 37 total calls- 2 fire calls, 15 EMS calls, 19 good intent calls
- Gold Hill Fire will continue to train using Microsoft Teams
- Pumper operator taskbooks are being completed for volunteers
- Driver trainings will be conducted in March
- Jessica Brookhart will be working with Chief Finn on figuring out how to remedy Century link modem issues for internet in Firebarn
- Chief Finn requests that firefighters have access to private firefighter login to access training materials

-----At 1910 hours the Board of Directors meeting was temporarily adjourned and the Pension Board Meeting was called to order.-----

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- Jessica Brookhart made a motion to transfer \$2000.00 from the Board of Directors account to Pension Board Account. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Meeting adjourned at 1913 hours

-----At 1914 hours the Board of Directors meeting was called back to order.-----



Budget

The Budget was discussed in regards to the following:

- \$2000.00 from the Board account was transferred to the Pension account.

New/ Other Business

- Maya Machammer reported the following:
 - Gold Hill Mitigation project still on schedule to start behind Pine St. using the Four Mile Fire crew as the mitigation crew.
 - There is a short delay with work on the forest management project due to old forester leaving the team, expected to have a new forester by end of next week who will help continue the plan
 - In 2021 Four Mile Fire will do all of the mitigation work with their equipment as part of the grant match
 - In 2022 a contractor will be hired to complete parts of the project that have steeper slopes or need different equipment.
 - 3 CU graduate students will be working 10 hours a week as part of a capstone project
 - These students will develop a monitoring project to study the success of the project socially within the community.
 - Jim Webster with Wildfire partners is looking to set up a webinar with the community to discuss wildfire defense projects and strategies.
- Boyd Brown brings up questions regarding insurance companies being more stringent on insuring mountain properties. Would like to have more homeowners made aware of this.
- Chris Dirolf reports that needles at the school need to be cleaned up to increase fire defensibility. Reports that the school district has been contacted numerous times with no response.
- Kris Gibson reported the following:
 - Kris requested that Jess Brookhart take over as entity administrator for the Fire Department for ease of Grant writing. Chief Finn agreed to adding Jess.
 - We need to create more formal documents on planning for future grants. The department needs strategic plans. Chief Finn reported he would send out the 5-10 year plan.
 - We usually use the AFG grant because it only requires a 10% match vs. DOLA grants which usually require 50/50.
 - We should also look at University Technical Assistance Grants to help bring on students for envisioning future community planning.
- Marcus Moench is looking at new potential funding sources for matching on grants- funders network/community foundation which could be ways to compliment future grants.
- Emma Dirolf is working on ARC GIS for mapping and preplanning homes and resources in town. She is currently working on adding water sources. Chief Finn wants clarification on what release forms need to be completed before conducting preplans. Emma Dirolf has an upcoming meeting with 4mile to better understand how they preplanned/mapped their community. Maya Machammer volunteered to lend two 4 Mile tablets.
- Conversations are ongoing regarding a drone program to help with 'unattended campfires'
- Kent Coghill recommends department consider looking at MDT's/CAD information and using Adam Jack, a local resource, to help with Gold Hill Fire technology
- Board needs to purchase a thank you card for the previous treasurer.

Meeting adjourned at 2016 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Kent Coghill

