

Gold Hill Fire Board Meeting

November 16, 2021

1900 hours

Attendees: (via zoom)

Jess Brookhart
Chris Finn
Rich Lopez
Leslie Finn
John Chmil
Richard Roth
Rick Sheingold
Steffi Wilson
Heidi Kessler
Max Yeager
Joanne Cole
Boyd Brown
Gretchen Diefenderfer
Debra Yeager
Kris Gibson

Chiefs Minutes:

Calls:

October 26- Unattended campfire- extinguished by Chief and tones not put out. The more specific a location the better, this was in a very general area.

November 1- Tea was burnt in house and smoke detector went off

November 7- Smoke report on sawmill and Gold Hill Road- Gussed it was a wood burning stove

Trainings:

October 28- Training on medical call and fire call

November 13- 4 Mile defensive structure fire attack

December 9- Company meeting- year end rap up and talk about training

Other:

Chris Gibson heard back from Ted Young regarding our past grant request and he reported that we resubmit the grant.

At December 9 meeting we will discuss operations and teams meetings.

Other Business:

- Gold Hill Mill Levy is under 7 and the amount we collect on property tax is low. With a need to upgrade we need to look at increasing our Mill Levy.
- Overview from John Chmil regarding Mill Levy increase- in regards to timing- May 2022 ballot- Will it be on a May ballot or November ballot? May will have more administrative components. It will have set language and the amount of Mills being requested with

bullets of what the district would like to accomplish with increased mills. We have until March 4 to certify the ballot content. Once language is set up the district can't campaign further regarding the ballot measure. Need to be careful about how the district is involved. After certifying ballot we will need a DAO to be a point person for the ballot and you need to have a mail ballot plan. Must be by mail ballot. Ballots are mailed in early April with a seven day window.

- Town meeting needs to decide between 900 Pine St. or at present location for fire station, even split on where the new community center/fire station should be. Will need to have coordination with the Town Board regarding that location. Need to have a unified front.
- Barbour Cistern contribution request- \$2500 was offered. \$5000 was requested. Other districts, with the exception of Nederland, request \$5000 or put in their own cistern. All board members unanimously agree that the \$2500 offer is not acceptable and the \$5000 offer needs to be maintained or a cistern is installed. Should we be considering increasing the amount required for a donation of the cistern size? Boulder County requirement is a cistern of 1800 gallons.
- UTV grant- no UTV's are available at this time and the board will wait until the next meeting to speak more about how to proceed due to vehicle shortage and current inability to purchase a new UTV.
- Kris Gibson is working on state grants for 20k and on AFG grant. Will resubmit the same AFG grant as last year.

Meeting adjourned at 2008 hours.