

GHFPD Board of Directors Minutes January 2023

Call to order at 1858:

Attendance: Boyd Brown, Jess Brookhart, Richard Lopez, Chris Dirolf, Marcus Moench, Kris Gibson, Gretchen Diefenderfer, Chris Finn, Kent Coghill, Max Yeager, Heidi Kessler, Rick Sheingold, Maya MacHamer, Virginia Schultz, Kris Hill

Minutes were not taken in the last meeting due to the Secretary not being in attendance. Secretary will use video from the previous meeting and release minutes in February.

Chiefs Report:

Calls:

12/1- EMS- 8 Responders
12/12- Cancelled on auto aid with Sunshine
12/19- Structure Fire Sunshine Canyon (8 Responders) (2 apparatus)
12/22- Auto Aid with Lefthand Cancelled
12/28- Assist Sheriff's Department
1/8 - EMS Call

Training:

11/30- Officers Meeting
12/10- Car Fire Training conducted by Kent Coghill (17 Gold Hill participants)
1/4 - EMS Training
1/12- Company meeting
1/14- Company meeting

- Chris Finn is transitioning between ESO and Firehouse software
- Val Crist asks regarding firefighter hours and whether those hours get sent into the state for credit for firefighters- those hours do not get sent in.
- Car Fire Training went great- 17 from Gold Hill, 35 firefighters total with other departments. Kent Coghill conducted the training. Donal Maloney received an artistic pulaski in recognition for years of service.
- Question regarding the engine at the Sunshine Fire that did not pump- Chief does not know why the engine didn't pump. Chief could not get the issue to happen again. Currently the engine is functioning as usual but it will be tested on a similar slope angle once weather improves.
- Chris Finn does not have a response regarding updating illegal burn protocols per recommendation from the board, Boulder County FMO Seth McKinney, and Boulder County Sheriff's Office. Chris Finn reports that he will follow up with the new Sheriff but until then he will not change protocols.

Items of Business:

Bookkeeping:

- Bookkeeping- Jess suggests that we put out to the community the possibility of taking over bookkeeping responsibilities or putting out the position for hire. Jess will look into what that would cost.
- Application for exemption from audit, need to pass the resolution for exemption from audit. Resolution unanimously approved.

Maya MacHamer provides update on Forestry projects:

- Update on current project and next steps. 15 acres have been completed and is an aggressive treatment. Believes there will be a lot of aspen regrowth and that there will be a good firebreak for town. Most logs will not be removed until Spring. Maya would like to provide a tour for the board in the spring. Maya is happy to speak with anybody in town regarding the treatment. Another grant has been applied for additional acres. 45 acres have been approved for treatment. Has been working with a cattle rancher in Boulder who has goats and has an affordable Goat grazing option for the town meadow. Some grant money may be available to pay for Goat grazing.
- Boyd asks about staging of logs from the project. There are some opportunities to stage the wood but there are limited areas where that could occur. Staging would be with the idea of residents coming to an area to gather wood at the end of the year.
- There will be more wood at the Ashram next year.
- They will be done on the Ashley property in early summer and then will move onto the Ashram.
- The contractor has piled some slash which will be removed. There will also be many burn piles which are slated to be burned in 2024.
- Maya informs the board that an application has been submitted by a mining company to remine and mill in an area around Gold Hill. Once it is submitted it will go to the town for public review and comment.
- Last time the permit was requested was 5 years ago.

UTV:

- Gasline needs to be moved for a shed for the UTV. We received the permit from Boulder County. Once we get a thumbs up we will move the gasline. Probably will not install Shed until this late spring/summer.

Burn Pile Workshop:

- Certified Burn put on by DFPC which teaches private landowners how to properly burn piles. This program is intended to help private landowners learn how to burn piles. Currently the program is being conducted in Colorado Springs.

Grant Applications:

- Denial for AFG in 2021 for PPE. Ted Young is willing to provide feedback on our last application and how we could be more successful for the future. We were successful with our state grant for 20k of bunker gear. Chris Finn and Kris Gibson would like to

apply again for the state grant by February 24. Gold Hill is applying for 35k for radios with other departments and that is why they would like to focus on applying just for the state grant rather than the AFG grant.

CWPP:

- Chris Dirolf reports that a date is being set to finalize the document and the process. Could be a resource for everyone in the community to look at. The more we collaborate the more grant opportunities will come our way.

Questions from Steffi Wilson- Why are we recording the meeting? To be used for recreating minutes if need be. What is the status of the cistern on the west end of town by Whitey's house? The cistern was leaking and was slated to be scoped. Chris Finn does not have an answer regarding the cistern and it does not have any water in it. Chris Dirolf asks if the cistern is insured? Jess Brookhart will try and get an answer on that.

Question from Rich Sheingold- Should we try and start the UTV periodically for maintenance? The vehicle is covered for insurance. We need to get it in a shed and then we need emergency lights and a radio.

Adjourn at 2000 hours to transfer to the pension board.

Pension Board call to order

Pension Board minutes were approved for July

We received the max from the state and it went straight to our account.

\$2,000.00 were transferred over to the pension board account from the general account

Application will be in September again

Motion to adjourn the pension board.

Motion approved to end pension board meeting and open up board meeting again.

Board meeting adjourned at 2010 hours

