

## **Gold Hill Fire Protection District Board Minutes**

1/18/22

*Meeting called to order at 1903*

### **Attendees:**

Maya Machamer  
Boyd Brown  
Chris Finn  
Michael Wollard  
Richard Lopez  
William Coghill  
Max Yeager  
Dick Cole  
Jess Brookhart  
Kris Gibson  
Val Crist  
Chris Dirolf  
Leslie Finn  
Dwight Debroux  
Rick Sheingold

### **Chiefs Minutes:**

#### **CALLS-**

Nov 20- Vehicle accident on Gold Hill Road- a lot of vehicles got stuck enroute  
Dec 18- Religious fire on pine street  
Dec 24- Vehicle off road in the creek, UTL parties  
Dec 25- Fire alarm  
Dec 30- Gold Hill went to Middle Fork Fire, 10 hour shift, supplying Lyons Brush Truck with water.

#### **TRAINING-**

Dec 9- Company meeting- Requests from firefighters for a chatroom on the new website to communicate virtually.  
Dec 23- Radio training

#### **OTHER-**

Call volume: Almost exactly the same numbers in 2021 as 2020- 20-25 calls a year with  $\frac{1}{3}$  being cancellations.  
Training: Down a lot in 2021 due to Covid (Chief Finn will offer private training in order to help people who are hesitant to do training with larger groups).  
Teams: Not working well at this moment, ex. Chains on Brush trucks were loose this evening. Teams do not seem to be communicating well. Chief responds that he will individually pick up the slack for teams that are not meeting the standards.

### **Forest Projects w/ Maya:**

- A lot of interesting data about Gold Hill from the students study on the town
- People are looking for the fire district to take a greater leadership position in the community
- Maya feels that we should advertise these findings from the report/story map when we apply for grants and ask for Mill Levy increases
- Results will be available in February
- Forestry project- Contractor was unable to start this fall due to not being able to get a Bond. Another Contractor has been hired who will start their section of the project this Spring. The Fourmile Crew completed 7 acres at the Ashram.

### **Mill Levy Increase:**

- Exactly wording for ballots will be defined by March and ballots will go out in April
- Exemption from audit
- We did not receive the exemption last year by accident, Jess is handling it to get it rectified. \$\$ was requested and will retroactively be disbursed.
- Chris Finn reports we will get information for the budget by February/March
- No documents are in place regarding procedures for managing budget and treasury
- DOLA has a budget calendar which we go off of

### **Grants w/ Kris Gibson:**

- Applied for a grant from DFPC for 5 sets of bunker gear, will know by end/beginning of January/February. Applied again for the AFG grant, 50,000 for 22 sets of bunker gear. Will not be announced until May. Applying with FEMA and AFG for 800 MHZ radios with Fourmile. Going for a Motorola.
- Through Fourmile Grant how many radios would we get? 5 radios and one packset.

### **Other Business:**

- Bookkeeping: Kathleen was bookkeeper for years, Jess has been managing bookkeeping, looking for the potential to have someone manage our bookkeeping. Jess believes it would be 1-2 hours a month. Chris Finn reports that the job is really easy, and says he would happily take over the responsibility.
- Website management: is this another position we could outsource for having a website managed and maintained?
- Preferably someone on the fire department
- How can we get more tech savvy and get more information and more communication through our department
- If we are putting up minutes, the Chief requests that the board meeting with the zoom link be added to the calendar.
- Resolution to issues from November meeting- 30- 3 NO for using 900 pine street as location site for the new fireboard. Most people want a community center/firebarn at the existing location.

- UTV extension granted for getting funds in 2022 regarding difficulty locating a UTV. UTV \$\$ has been extended for another year.
- Mill Levy increase to 16 mills has been approved

Meeting adjourned at 1954 hours

### **Pension Board Minutes:**

Pension board meeting begin @ 1955 hours

- \$2000 match is being remedied following funds not being deposited in 2021
- Volunteer time on calls has been calculated and will be used as time spent for pension hours
- Kris Gibson is stepping down from the Pension board. Currently looking for a new member for a two year term.
- Leslie Finn reported she would step up to the position if needed.
- Thanks to Rick Sheingold for getting the word out on COVID tests
- Meeting adjourned at 2004 hours