

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

6/21/22

**Attendees:** Gretchen Diefenderfer, Marcus Moench, Jess Brookhart, Rick Sheingold, Richard Lopez, Chris Dirolf, Max Yeager, Deb Yeager, Boyd Brown

- Meeting called to order at 1905 hours
- Minutes approved unanimously

### CWPP update- Chris Dirolf

- Working on creating a survey monkey questionnaire for July/August distribution to the public
- Hopes to begin talks on how to overcome mitigation on steep slopes. City of Boulder is working towards using helicopters more often to accomplish this task
- Will need advertising to get citizens to respond to the survey
- Will hopefully be posted on districts websites
- The hopes to rewrite the CWPP is to help make the document more palatable for homeowners to understand how they can take actions
- Need to find a way to confirm that those that are responding to the survey are members of the community
- Gold Hill is committed to pay our share of funds as part of our commitment to the CWPP

### UTV- Kent Coghill

- Need to consider the UTV as a patrol vehicle
- A smaller/lighter CAFS pump would be prudent considering that our current apparatus can't reach rugged terrain. Fourmile uses their UTV for this same purpose. We can also look at adding a backboard rail attachment. Can also be used for medicals if needed.
- Boyd makes a motion to use the 13k grant and add 12k from the board budget up to 25k for use of purchasing a UTV and a UTV skid attachment.
- Motion passes unanimously
- To be used for scouting, public outreach, patrol. Will not be used for initial attack.

### Red Flag Religious Fire Allowances-

- On Red Flag days there can be no burning, regardless of exemptions
- Rich will draft a letter which explains the rules per Boulder County regarding exemptions

### Grants- Jess Brookhart & Rich Lopez

- Have not heard from AFG regarding bunker gear grant.
- Rich reports that he reached out to Maya regarding grant writing. Maya reports that \$40 an hour is a general fee for a good grant writer. The board would like to look at hiring a part time grant writer to assist with future grants.
- We have three months before we nail in our budget for next year.
- Need to start thinking about how grants and Mill Levy may change that budget

### Mill Levy- Rich Lopez and Chris Dirolf

- Kris Gibson has come up with a calculator which will allow citizens to understand what their increase in taxes would look like.
- The board is still working on a Mill Levy increase amount. Discussions are ongoing. Mill Levy final amount will be decided at the next board meeting.

### Town Mowing- Boyd Brown

- We are currently looking at specific areas which will be mowed/weed whacked. Areas should be identified which offer the highest level of protection for town.
- We are still waiting to hear back from Boy Scouts about a potential project in town.

### Other Business:

- Rich Lopez and the board provide clarification that in a previous board meeting the board was asking Chief Finn for a list of volunteers emails. This would be so the board could provide information to volunteers. The board did not request personal information from any personnel. An email by Chief Finn was sent to volunteers incorrectly stating that the board wanted volunteers personal information.
- Boyd wants an update on the Ashram and Ashram mitigation. Currently Fourmile has information regarding that mitigation project. The board will contact Maya for further information.

- Why are personnel who have taken S130/190 not red carded at this point? Personnel have taken pack tests and have still not been certified.
- Board is going to get a flyer created for the 4th of July regarding the Mill Levy. The document will help advise citizens what the fire department needs and what we anticipate we would use mill levy money for.
- The board would like to discuss shopping for the new fire engine. Should we be looking at purchasing a Type 6 apparatus? Something more mobile?
- Need to start looking at a serious succession plan for overhead. Talks of succession have been going on for several years and no plan has been laid forth.
- The board wants to find ways to further show appreciation for volunteers. The board wants to look into getting new tee shirts for volunteers and further recognizing volunteers who have received certifications and who show up regularly to calls.