**Norwood Fire Protection District**

**Board of Director Minutes September 18th, 2024**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Wells, Vivian Antonik, Wendy Crank, Trace Griffith

ABSENT: Dave Alexander

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Department Members Present: Heather King, Casey Griffith, Zane Truelock

* **1803 Call to order**
* **1804 Approval of Minutes**

Vivian motioned, Trace 2nd, all in favor

* **1810 Financial Report**

Monthly Budget Review, questions answered

* **1820 Public Walk-In / Comments**

None

* **1821 Old Business**
  + Auxiliary Station: Joe Davis, potential 3rd board member. First meeting to approve by-laws
  + Mil Levy Update: John wrote ballot wording, Discovery for BlueBook, 500 word essay for why we need the Mil Levy and 500 for essay for why we don’t need the Mil Levy in both English and Spanish. Need to pay $6,000 to the county. Things were changed on the Discovery because of $1.5 billion tax decrease.
  + Community meeting in Redvale on Saturday, Sept 21
  + Medical insurance going up 30%
  + EMS Conference: we currently follow urban SOPs but would like to change, John’s continuing education hours are covered.
  + Donations: Paul and Lisa from many Ponies giving money for operating expenses, $16,000 from “Anonymous” discussed earlier, $2,000 from Arizona residents, donation for Phylis Snyderbeing given to NFPD
* **1838 New Business**
  + Fire / EMS totals: 14 fire, 29 EMS, 9 transports, 43 TOTAL CALLS
  + 6 fires (lightning strikes) while John was gone; Heather did great taking over; DFPC paid for helicopter, we pay for bulldozer
  + We have been non-compliant with FPPA (state pension) with both John and Heather on a volunteer pension instead of full time firefighter pension; owe state $146,000 which MUST be paid back; State law. Possible business loan, John and Wendy will look into loan options. Starting regular payments with Monday payroll. Potential refund for social security. Currently $135,000 left in Money Market (took $50,000 out to cover payroll). $38,000 in checking account.
  + Federal government behind in Wildland payments; they owe us $164,000. Only $3,390 left from property tax payments to the district, no more until March.
  + John stated we can not pay wildland until we start receiving money from Feds.Trace suggested we move $50,000 from money market to checking account to pay wildland for their last assignment. Motion was made by Trace, Wendy 2nd.
* **1905 Chief’s Report**
  + Continued calls for motorists off Norwood hill and the canyon. Training coming up on Norwood hill for patient removal.
  + Denver Health recommended us for a rural fire & EMS documentary. Film crew will be here in a couple of weeks to follow us for a few days.
  + 2023 audit almost done. John has been working with ASAP and Blair & Assoc. on a daily basis.
  + Tabletop with Kinder Morgan about ruptured line/oil fire (worried about grassy fire)
  + Bulldozer/Fires to be paid (mentioned)
  + Teaching CPR classes, stop the bleed class for school staff, mock crash in the spring is a GO
* **1915 Wildland Coordinator’s Report**
  + AC system repaired in Engine 9, front/rear brake pads
  + Spoke on last assignment with Fire Service
  + BLM and Forest Service at most fires in this district
  + Nucla chief wants to set up a wildland program and has reached out for help
  + Winter academy dates were just released
* **1920 EMS Coordinator Report**
  + Lots of expired meds, big invoice coming up
  + Engine 5 was down during the fires, now running
  + Heather done with ride-time with Montrose, will be taking final exam with class on-line, then will go back to Boston to present Capstone project and take her National exam. Sometime in November.
  + Ambulance 2 had a recall on all wheel drive software and will be out of service for a day.
* **1930 Meeting Adjourned**

1st by Trace, 2nd by Vivian.