**Norwood Fire Protection District**

**Board of Director Minutes October 16th, 2024**

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

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Department Members Present: Heather King, John Bockrath

* **1804 Call to order**
* **1805 Approval of Minutes**

Vivian motioned, Wendy 2nd, all in favor

* **1808 Financial Report**

Monthly Budget Review, questions answered

* $83,000 in checking account
* $88,000 in Money Market
* $25,000 in Alpine Bank
* **1820 Public Walk-In / Comments**

None

* **1821 Old Business**
  + 99 ballots were sent to out-of-state residents with a home in our district received state and local ballots; were only supposed to receive local
  + Last town hall meeting for mil levy: Oct. 17th
  + Last letter in newspaper: consequences of not going for the mil levy
  + 2023 Audit done; compliant
  + Owe state $146,000 for pension mistake
    - Small business loan advised - potentially use Redvale for collateral
  + Vivian made a motion to get a business loan from SOFI for $146,000 to pay off the pensions and use Redvale for collateral
    - Trace seconded
  + Audit should have caught pension mistake - potential legal recourse
  + Slow progress with Social Security on a possible refund.
* **1840 New Business**
  + Fire / EMS totals: 3 fire (wildland), 30 EMS, 13 transports, 33 TOTAL CALLS
  + Renewed CEBT for health insurance
  + Took care of property liability insurance
  + Updated work comp coverage.
  + Must make payment of $52,000 by January 5th for liability and workcomp
  + Freddy Spor willing to work maintenance on rigs
  + Budget without mil levy and budget with mil levy

–Wendy does NOT want to disband wildland team if we don’t get the mill levy; need to come up with another solution

–We will not start the POC program or hire a Deputy Chief until July 1st, 2025.

* **1905 Chief’s Report**

–Documentary crew spent four days with the department. Doing a documentary on rural fire/EMS and we were recommended by Denver Health. They are very interested in the mill levy outcome.

–We had rope rescue training off Norwood hill while they were here.

* + If mill levy passes, John will be doing more training. Falling behind on training due to other responsibilities.
  + John possibly having some medical tests done
  + Wildland crew is at the Elk Fire in Wyoming - extended for an additional 7 days.
  + Great reviews for wildland crew
* **1930 Wildland Coordinator’s Report**
  + Absent
* **1931 EMS Coordinator Report**
  + Heather takes last test on the 28th before going back to Boston to officially complete her paramedic class
  + Ambulances running well
  + Almost all meds updated
  + Ambulance 2 completed software update
  + Tested engine pumps, everything passed
  + Saline shortage due to hurricane
* **1940 Meeting Adjourned**

1st by Vivian, 2nd by Trace