

ROCKVILLE/SPRINGDALE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
P.O. Box 159
Springdale, UT 84767
August 28, 2013
Firehouse

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** – Chair Bob Orton called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the following members of the Rockville/Springdale Fire Protection District Board present: Linda Brinkley, Michael Plyler and Barry Rhodes. Nancy Sanchez was excused. Also present was Chief Ballard. District Clerk Elaine Harris recording.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Barry Rhodes moved the agenda be approved. Linda Brinkley seconded the motion and a roll call vote indicated all those present voted in favor of the motion.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT AND QUESTIONS** – Phil Anderson referenced the 2013 budget and felt that the revenues were \$465,000 and the salaries and benefits come to \$247,000, which is approximately 51% of the revenue and seems to be out of whack. Chair Orton responded the budget was passed in 2012 for 2013. There are two EMS personnel on-call 24/7, 365 days of the year. The other salaries – Chief, Fire Marshal, Captains, Training Officer and Clerk. Most of the budget does go to employees. The EMS are paid \$7.50/hr. to be on call and receive extra if they respond to a call.

Mr. Anderson questioned whether these personnel are located at the Firehouse and Chief Ballard responded they were, or are in the area. Mr. Anderson had a problem the previous weekend with not being able to locate someone regarding his concern that the wash was filled to near capacity during the rainstorm. He called the office number and left a message but never received a return call. He then called the Sheriff who, he assumed, called the Fire Chief.

Discussion took place regarding contact information when there is a flood warning. It was advised that the Town of Springdale be called as they have an emergency contact number for personnel on call after hours. The Fire District is not responsible for the distribution of sand bags; the Town of Springdale stores them.

Dispatch is done through Washington County for this area. Information was given regarding having your phone number listed with the reverse 911 calling and receiving flood alerts. Shaunna Young gave information regarding an Emergency Plan that has been created for the towns of Springdale and Rockville. It should be available to the public shortly.

A question was asked about accessing the budget. The link produces an error. Clerk Harris will check into it.

A question was raised about the budget doesn't appear to indicate the Standby Fees. It was explained that the budget form required by the State places all revenues from services on one line. Therefore, the revenue from services includes also ambulance service revenues.

4. **FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT – FIRE SERVICE**
 - a. **Report on fire activity since the last Board meeting** – Chief Ballard reported that since the Board's last meeting, there had been six calls – three false fire alarms and the flooding,

The Town of Springdale wants the Fire Chief to pre-approve a permit to do fireworks for New Year's Eve and requested the Chief discuss it with the Board. There are always staffing concerns and the Chief cannot predict who will be available in four months. It is also not possible to predict the weather.

The old topper from the Squad '92 has sold for \$500.00.

- b. Consideration and possible approval of applicants for the Fire service – There were no new applications.
- c. Training update – Trainings have continued on a weekly basis and some very good ones with the Park doing joint response and a walk-around the Park's facility.
- d. New business to include requests for budgeted expenditures – There were no budget requests.
- e. Fire Marshal's Report – Chief Ballard reported Marshal Barker is still involved in final inspections on the new motels and doing plan reviews for other new development.

5. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT – AMBULANCE SERVICE

- a. Report on EMS activity since the last board meeting – Chief Ballard reported there were nine calls, eight of which were transports.
- b. Consideration and possible approval of applicants for the EMS service – There were no new applications.
- c. Training update – There has been training on pediatric medication doses and patient extrication.
- d. New business to include requests for budgeted expenditures – There were no new budget requests.

6. STANDBY FEE BILLING REPORT TO INCLUDE UPDATE AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS – As of the end of July, there was \$5,566.86 which was 120 days past due, a decrease of \$924.37.

7. CLERK'S REPORT

- a. Account balances – There were no questions.
- b. Ambulance accounts receivable report to include action on any requests for an adjustment in charges – As of the end of July, the accounts receivable was \$66,843.74, an increase of \$4,205.21.
- c. Approval of expenditures for June 2013 – Michael Plyler moved the expenditures for the month of July be approved. Linda Brinkley seconded the motion and a roll call vote indicated all those present voted in favor of the motion.

8. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 24, 2013 REGULAR MEETING** – Linda Brinkley moved the minutes for the July 24, 2013 regular meeting be approved. Barry Rhodes seconded the motion and a roll call vote indicated all those present voted in favor of the motion.
9. **GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION** – Linda Brinkley reported she had a request for the ability to obtain a copy of the expenditures that are approved each month. The Board saw no problem with Linda giving that to someone.

There will be a work meeting on September 30 at 6:00 pm at the Firehouse for the budget committee. Michael Plyler volunteered to serve as a member with Chair Orton.

The Clerk reported the Utah Local Governments Trust was dispersing a dividend from the liability insurance around October and the District's portion will be \$1,944.01.

10. **IDENTIFICATION OF ISSUES FOR FUTURE AGENDAS** – There were no items identified for future agendas.
11. **ADJOURN** – Barry Rhodes moved the meeting be adjourned. Lindy Brinkley seconded the motion. A roll call vote indicated all those present voted in favor of the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes typed by:

Elaine M. Harris
District Clerk

APPROVED:

Robert W. Orton
Robert W. Orton, Chairman