

Dammeron Valley Fire SSD

Draft Minutes of Public Meeting Held October 1, 2013

Meeting Place: Dammeron Valley Fire Station - Training Room
1261 N Dammeron Valley Drive East, Dammeron Valley, UT 84783

ACB Members Present: Chairman Mack Sorensen
Clerk William King
Member at Large Mac Thomson
Member at Large Gary Jensen

ACB Members Absent: Treasurer Craig Meyocks

Meeting called to order by Chairman Mack Sorensen at approximately 7:00PM.

1. Approval of Agenda

William King made a motion "we accept the Agenda", Mac Thomson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Old Business

A. DVFSSD Board Appointment

Bill King made a motion "that Gary Jensen be appointed to fill out the full four year term of the vacancy we have", Mac Thomson seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously. With this motion all Board Members are in their original terms as appointed by the Washington County Commissioners.

B. Water Company Committee

Mac Thomson requested a report from Bill King, Bill King advised the Water Committee had met and discussed the interaction they have had with the Water Company. The Committee sent a Certified Letter to the Water Company asking for some operation details and records, the response received from DV Water Works was not sufficient for the Committee. The Committee met just before this meeting and decided to send a letter to the PUC. Bill King then made a motion "that we, when they give us this letter, that we mail it for them", Mac Sorensen seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously. Mac Sorensen then advised there are some concerns with the Water Company, so a Committee was formed to help improve communication with the Water Company and address the community's concerns.

C. DVFSSD Fee for 2014

Bill King advised there have been several discussions on how to implement the fee for 2014, as a result of those discussions and comparisons of different fee structures he made a motion "that we can't set the fee tonight but we can set the structure, so I would make a motion we adopt the flat fee that would be billed in January 2014 as the our revenue for 2014", Mac Thomson seconded the motion. A question was asked about when the fee would be due, it would be due at the end of the month of January 2014. The motion was

then passed unanimously. The fee would be set after a Public Hearing in November which would set the Budget for 2014.

D. Bank Balance

Bill King advised DVFSSD had a total of \$8095.69 in bills, and there is a balance in the bank of \$8042.76, and a \$5985.92 check to deposit tomorrow which will bring our balance to \$14028.68. After paying our bills we'll have \$5932.99 remaining. The bills are as follows: Federal License Management, \$160.00; LN Curtis, \$5985.92; Questar Gas, \$17.88; Utah Local Governments Trust, \$49.77; Verizon Wireless, \$171.54; LN Curtis, \$1328.37; Envirocare, \$330.00; Century Link, \$52.11. Bill King advised the \$1328.37 bill from LN Curtis was for the Fire Station air compressor repair and was a bill from before the SSD was formed. Mack Sorensen made a motion "to approve the bills as Bill has noted", Mac Thomson seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

E. DVFSSD Regular Meeting Schedule

Mack Sorensen advised the Board had discussed this and concluded it would be best to have the meeting on the first Tuesday instead of the third Tuesday due to the bills being due the first of the month. So to keep current on the bills it was now necessary to have an additional meeting to pay the bills. Bill King made a motion "that we change our regular meeting schedule for the balance of 2013 and for fiscal year 2014 to the first Tuesday of each month", Gary Jensen seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously. This change does not mean there will not be another meeting in October. Sheri Mandell inquired if the meeting schedule would be updated and posted on the Public Notice Web Site, the Board advised it would.

F. DVLA Equipment

Bill King advised the first part of the equipment replacement by DVLA has been received. As soon as we receive an invoice for the equipment from LN Curtis for the equipment, DVLA issues DVFSSD a check in that amount and DVFSSD pays the invoices. The first invoice was for \$5985.92, Chief Maciej advised he expects all of the equipment to be received in the next five to six weeks.

3. New Business

None noted.

4. Dammeron Valley Fire Department Report, Chief Maciej Szczerbiak

Chief Maciej advised he needed a Debit Card, the Board advised that is in the works and we're waiting on a decision from US Bank. Chief Maciej advised he would like to have it by the 9th of October as he had to purchase approximately \$300 in materials in preparation for a State EMS Inspection. Chairman Sorensen advised he would see if he could get this taken care of prior to that date.

Chief Maciej advised he had some bad news, Brush 13 Truck needs repairs. We purchased this truck from BLM, BLM had the transmission replaced but the cooling lines were never connected from the transmission to the radiator. So the transmission is fried, and the transmission and the unit inside of the radiator has to be replace, the estimate for

repair from St George Ford is \$6500.00. We've had the truck for three years so there is no remedy available from BLM. Chief Maciej was going to check with Craig Meyocks when he returns to see if the emergency fund DVLA had in place might be available to be used for this repair.

The second problem is the Fire Department pagers, we only have two pagers that work. This is a Washington County problem as their system is the root cause of the system not working. The Chief is going to meet with the County on the 10th of this month to see they will be able to resolve the problem with the pagers we already have. If they do not we may have to purchase new pagers.

Chief Maciej advised he had an estimate to replace some of the landscaping due to the water runoff damaging some of the areas and if not repaired they will get worse. The estimate to repair and replace damaged areas and plants was \$850.00 from Jason Harper Landscaping, and they would also like to be considered for the landscaping contract for 2014.

Chief Maciej also asked if he needed to give two reports, one for DVLA and one for DVFSSD as they would be identical reports. The Board advised the Chief to continue to give the report for DVFSSD as this goes on public record where the report for DVLA does not.

There were no fire calls, there was a response to a motorcycle accident at SR18 at mile marker 14, a very traumatic accident. The reason given for the accident was the new flashing deer warning sign. The motorcycle made a U-turn and the driver of the van that struck the motorcycle was unable to see the motorcycle and struck it broadside. The State Troopers were involved in getting the problem with the brightness of the signs corrected. This is a very treacherous area of SR18, there have been 12 accidents involving deer in the past year, so that was the purpose for placing the signs.

Karen Sharkey made a comment regarding getting more bids for the landscaping upkeep, she encouraged the Board to do so as she was concerned about the quality of the present service. The Board advised it will accept bids for the 2014 season in October and November.

Sheri Mandell asked if the Fire Department was contracted with St George Ford for vehicle repairs. The Chief and the Board advised they were not, the Fire Department would get estimates from several sources prior to getting any vehicle repaired.

5. Approval of Minutes

A. September 3, 2013

Mack Sorensen made a motion "to approve the minutes as written", Mac Thomson seconded the motion, the motion was passed as follows:

Mack Sorensen - Aye

William King - Aye

Mac Thomson - Aye

Gary Jensen - Abstained as he was not on the Board at that time.

6. Request for Closed Session

None requested.

7. Chair Opens Discussion for Public Comments

Jan Yergensen asked about the terms of the Board, the Members have the following terms:

Mack Sorensen - 4 years

Craig Meyocks - 4 years

Gary Jensen - 4 years

William King - 2 years

Mac Thomson - 2 years

Sheri Mandell requested the Chairman announce all Board Members present at the beginning of each meeting.

Jan Yergensen asked if there were going to be two assessments from now on, one by DVFSSD and one by DVLA. There will be, these are two separate organizations, each determines what operating budget requirements will need to be met and will set their fees separately. DVLA fees are set by their Membership at the Annual Meetings, the flat fee for DVFSSD is set by the Board each year after the Budget requirements are set in a Public Hearing held each November.

The flat fee will be invoiced by DVFSSD and collected by DVFSSD, any uncollected fees will be turned over to the Washington County Treasurer for collection by that office.

Frank Shear asked when the residents will be informed of the flat fee amount, the Board advised it will be after the Public Hearing on the Budget in November.

Sheri Mandell asked about the comparison of the two fees in which the mill levy was listed as .0012, she was under the impression the most it could be is .0008. Due to the Utah Code the SSD was formed under, there is no limit on the mill levy, it can be whatever is necessary to cover the SSD budget.

The purpose of billing for the SSD in January 2014 instead of November 2014 was to eliminate the need for DVLA to support the SSD for an additional half year, and this allows the SSD to cover the cost of the rest of the out-of-date equipment without increasing fees to do so. It was noted, this is forecast as a decrease in the total amount residents will pay for fire protection. The fees for DVLA have been \$300 for several years, it is projected the total for both the SSD and DVLA will be less than \$300 for 2014.

Bill King advised the Washington County Treasurer advised the reason Washington County would not collect a flat fee was the software used by Washington County did not accommodate a flat fee, but they would be able to put a delinquent fee on the tax bill.

8. Adjourn

Bill King made a motion "that we adjourn", Gary Jensen seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

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