

DALTON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

November 28, 2017

Present: Chair Jim Driscoll, Camillus Cachat, Michael Kubicki, Water Superintendent Benlien, Fire Chief Cahalan, Cheryl Cachat

Public: Al Nadeau, Chad Scovil, Don Allard

Jim Driscoll called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

General Business:

- Minutes
 - o Jim Driscoll made a motion to accept the minutes from October 31, 2017 as printed, Cam Cachat seconded, approved unanimously
- Correspondence
 - o No written
 - o Jim Driscoll had a conversation with Syd Smithers regarding Plantation Road in Windsor
 - Based on previous commissioners' discussions he reiterated that the district does not care if road is open or closed as long as access to district property is available
- Ambulance Report
 - o Chad reported that part time employees for ambulance coverage is working well and more calls are being answered
 - o Have advertised for more weekend help
 - o Preparation to approach town for support, schedule a meeting after first of year
 - Any funds received would be used for payroll
 - o Fire Chief asked whether Association has had any conversation regarding moving the ambulance service to the district, Chad stated the majority opinion is to keep the ambulance under the association

Fire Department:

- Printed report from Fire Chief attached to minutes
- Discussion on district utilizing Houston Galveston Area Council (HGHCBuy) for new fire truck
 - o The committee has the specifications for a vehicle with a cost of \$628,838.83
 - o The vehicle will replace 2 vehicles, one district Engine 1 and one association Rescue 1
 - o The Association has been exploring the private sale of the Rescue or a possible donation to the District to use as a trade in
 - o Discussion centered around the purchase agreement and wording of the agreement
 - The chief will bring documentation to next meeting, with wording that the truck will be purchased based on voter approval of funds at annual meeting and that if the funding is not approved the district has no liability.
 - o The matter is tabled to the next meeting
- Discussion regarding equipment upgrade that may be needed with a new truck
- Discussion on Scott air packs and the cost of upkeep and the fact that 12 will be aging out of service in two years and will need to be replaced at an approximate cost of \$7,000 per unit. There is an opportunity to apply for a grant in collaboration with another town.

New Business:

- Don Allard from Berkshire Snow Seekers was in attendance for the annual request from the group to maintain snowmobile trails on District land.
- The group has been doing annual trail clearing and replaced a small bridge

- Discussion of work by the electric company and the possibility of gate installation by the electric company to close off the trails to access by trucks, will assess possible areas where a gate would be most beneficial
- Jim Driscoll made a motion that the agreement be signed for the 2017–2018 year, Cam Cachat seconded, Mike Kubicki abstained, motion passed

Water Department:

- Printed report from Superintendent attached to official minutes
- Discussed possible connection change at 1 Park Avenue. The homeowner would bear the cost for the change. This is still in planning stage
- Discussion of East Street dirty water problems and possible solutions for changing the connection. Bob will research
 - Bore under highway for each connection?, horizontal drilling?, bore large line off AC to new main on problem side?

Treasurer's Report:

- Correction of Free Cash amount at \$590,630
- Tax Rate set at \$1.02
- Outstanding residential is at approximately 10%, \$41,991.17
- 27 Seniors took advantage of the discount offered
- The projections have been received from Clark Rowell at Unibank for combining our debt into new bonds have come in which I will review and present as a part of the budget discussion

Next regular meeting will be December 19, 2017 at 6:30pm

Jim Driscoll made a motion to adjourn at 7:15pm, seconded by Mike Kubicki, passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Cachat
Treasurer/Clerk