



Snowmass-Wildcat Fire
Protection District

SNOWMASS-WILDCAT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Held
December 06, 2022

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Snowmass-Wildcat Fire Protection District was held on Tuesday December 06, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. Noting that a quorum was present Chair Elizabeth Striegler called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Call to Order: 8:32 a.m.

Roll Call:

The following Board members were present Elizabeth Striegler, Greg Balko, Scott Arthur, Dave Heivly and Drew Detrick (via Lifesize). Also, present were Chief Scott Thompson, Deputy Chiefs Richard Cornelius and Kevin Issel, Fire Marshal John Mele, Deputy Fire Marshal Brooke Stott, Assistant Fire Marshal Jim Pidcock, Finance Director Jennifer Thompson, Human Resources Director Renee Thomas, IT Director Erik Johnson, Battalion Chiefs Andy Fisher and Chance Goldyn, Division Chief Daniel Palmer, Lieutenant James Dirkes, Attorney Bob Cole (via Lifesize), Firefighter Nicholas Braun and Executive Assistant Jennifer Diamond.

Approval of Minutes from October 18, 2022:

Director Arthur made a motion to approve the October 18, 2022, regular minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Detrick. All were in favor and the motion carried 5 – 0. Director Arthur

Fire Chief's Report:

Chief Thompson stated that invitations were sent out for the Station dedication ceremony at Station 46 on December 9 at 10 a.m. This event was published as a meeting so that more than two Board members could attend.

Finance Report:

Finance Director Jennifer Thompson stated that this is the final reading of the 2023 budget for the Snowmass-Wildcat Fire Protection District. We lost about \$100,000 in assessed valuation on the new report from the Assessor's Office. This didn't affect the bottom line or any of the mill levies.

Resolution Number Five summarizing expenditures and revenues for each fund and adopting a budget for the Snowmass-Wildcat Fire Protection District for the calendar year beginning the first day of January 2023 and ending the last day of December 2023. Director Balko made a motion to approve resolution 5 as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Arthur. All were in favor and the motion carried 5 – 0.

Resolution Number Six appropriating sums of money to the various funds of the District in the amounts and for the purposes set forth below for the 2023 budget year. Director Balko made a motion to approve resolution six as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Arthur. All were in favor and the motion carried 5 – 0.

Resolution Number Seven the Snowmass-Wildcat Fire Protection District levying general property taxes for the year 2023, to help defray the costs of government for the 2023 budget year. Director Balko made a motion to approve resolution seven as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Arthur. All were in favor and the motion carried 5 – 0.

Attorney's Report:

Nothing specific to the Snowmass-Wildcat Fire Protection District.

Public Comments:

None

Board Member Comments:

Director Balko asked if we were going to discuss internal controls and the flow of accounting job duties. Director Streigler stated that you will find a report addressing accounting practices and duties on page 25 of your packet. This report was explained to the Board. There are a lot of internal controls in place, and it is working quite well.

Director Balko asked if we were still had 22 cash accounts. Jennifer Thompson stated yes and explained why. Director Streigler stated that when RFFRA was formed the auditors helped Jennifer set these accounts up to be transparent as to what money belonged where. Discussion.

Director Arthur stated that we have been in Station 45 for four years now. He would like to see pictures from the past hung back on the walls. Chief Thompson stated that we were working on things for the walls and display case.

Staff Comments:

Deputy Chief Richard Cornelius stated that we are having a member appreciation event on Sunday December 11 at Bowlski's from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Food/beverages and bowling will be provided. There will also be raffle prizes most of which have been purchased at local businesses.

Chief Thompson stated that Santa is coming to the local neighborhoods on Friday, December 16 (El Jebel/Willits area), Saturday, December 17 (Basalt), and December 18 (Snowmass Village). We are taking Santa around in the Ranger this year so that he can be closer to the children.

Jennifer Thompson stated that the annual awards dinner will be held at the Roaring Fork Club on Saturday January 14. Invitations will be sent out soon.

Chief Thompson stated that he is working with Hillary Fletcher and Tom Oken to do a tax burden analysis to see where we can go with the Master Plan. Hillary would like both Boards to meet towards the end of January in a retreat to discuss the Master Plan. We need to come up with a plan for how to proceed. Attorney Cole stated that the drop-dead date for certifying a ballot question to the County Clerk is the second week of August 2023. If you don't have a plan in place way in advance of this deadline, you won't have enough time to educate the voters on your issue. Once you certify the ballot, you are really hands off at that point because you can't talk about it after that, or it may be seen as campaigning for the issue. Chief Thompson stated that we would probably send out a community newsletter in June explaining the issue and why we need it.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Executive Session (if needed):

None

Non-Agenda Items:

None

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Director Arthur made a motion that the meeting be adjourned, it was seconded by Director Balko and the motion carried 5 – 0. Chair Elizabeth Striegler declared the meeting adjourned at 8:49 a.m.

To watch the Board meeting in its entirety, please click on the link below.

<https://youtu.be/ufw815e8mgA>

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