



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EVERGREEN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT SEPTEMBER 11, 2012

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Evergreen Fire Protection District was held on September 11, 2012 at the Administration/Training Building, 1802 Bergen Parkway, Evergreen, Colorado.

ATTENDANCE

DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE: George Kling, Charles Dykeman, David Christensen, Charlie Simons.

EXCUSED DIRECTORS: Jeff deDisse

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mary Buller, David Buller, Dave Hadsell, Ken Knudsen, Bob Benson, Eve Borman, Monica Kuceravy, Kathy Danhour, Liz Jones, Louann Young, Ruth Alford, Jean Gordon, Martha Zavodsky, Maria Solhue, Wayne Solhue, Diane Campbell, Bruce Campbell, Bill Cronk, Larry Madden, Becky Shiflett, Ned Shflett, Joan Toamaso, Tom Gray, Wayne & Maria LaMura, Linda Dispense, Phil Dispense, Virginia White, Linda Stone, Woody Stone, Kelly Garrod, Gina Coco, Phyllis Salisbury, Paul Peil, Greg Meyeroff, Anne Salisbury, Carol Hucker, Errin Salback, Lorraine Salback, DE Cluxton, Mike Novick, Larry Hayes, Ghewin Slaner, Alica Slaner, William Herron, Joan Underwood, Nancy Barish, David Underwood, David Temple, Patrick Sullivan, Jack Rasmusson, Linda Peil, Cal Winn, Barry Peir, Joshua Burnett, Dan Murphy, Shosh Murphy, James Johnson, Barb Johnson, Colleen Kaiser, Michael Kaiser, Karen Knutson, Sylvia Robertson, Julia & Dick Esser, Susan McCord, Barbara Block, Jim Smith, Jim Moran, Mike Weege, Frank Dearborn, Doug Saba, Sylvia Ross.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER President Kling called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

PRESENTATION OF COLORS Evergreen Fire Rescue's Color Guard presented the colors in commemoration of September 11th.

TIME OF REMEMBERANCE AND REFLECTION: The pledge of allegiance was recited and Chaplain Marty Lake opened with a prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 14, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes – Approved as presented.

TRAINING BUILDING:

Board Presentation: The following was read into the minutes by President George Kling: Folks, tonight the Board is going to vote on the construction of the new training facility. We are not going to include or discuss all the details about the building or its construction at this meeting. We will, however, include most of the significant issues that the community, the firefighters and the Board have been talking about over the past three months. The need for a new training facility with live-fire capability has been under discussion for at least the past 10 years. This training facility was included in the 2006 funding assessment at a cost of \$750,000. This year's Board began the active discussion of the new training facility in March. In June of this year, in part due to the requests of some of the residents in this area the Board adopted a three-month analysis period to review all the work researching this building that had been done up to that point and to consider any new issues or ideas. This period included the formation of a working group consisting of representative members of the community, members of this Board, the Assistant Chief - and primary architect of this project and the Fire Chief.

The Board has received reports and other feedback from this working group, individual inputs from citizens at their meetings and via email and other means and has read the many articles and letters-to-the-editor in the local newspaper. Based upon all this research and discussion, and with the advice of our Chief, project manager, building and construction contractors, planning and zoning consultant and legal expertise - the board has individually indicated to me that they believe that the time has come to advance this project.

Therefore, the following motion has been prepared for consideration after the Public Comment section of the Agenda: with regard to the new training facility the Evergreen Fire District Board has reached the following conclusions:

1. The Board is committed to keeping a fully volunteer firefighting force in Evergreen and intends to do everything in its power to see that this force has every reasonable training facility available.
2. There is a need for a new training facility with live-fire capability within the Evergreen district. Commuting outside of the district for this training puts an unacceptable burden on the volunteer firefighters of Evergreen, and increases the risk of an accident especially on the return trip when all participants are exhausted.
3. The Board, along with the working group has researched all of the other Evergreen Fire District properties and several other properties and has concluded that none would provide as cost-effective and efficient a location as the Station 2 location.
4. The Board has sent out RFPs for the building and construction and has determined that Fire Facilities and J Reed have presented the best bids.
5. The Board should proceed with review of this project by Jefferson County

The Evergreen Fire Protection District Board of Directors hereby directs the Chief and other members of Evergreen Fire Rescue to immediately begin the process leading to the construction of a new training facility. Significant characteristics of this new training facility shall be:

- The facility shall be located on the site of the existing training shed in the Station 2 complex
- The live-fire burn areas shall use class A burning material capable of burning with low or no smoke (additional details below *)
- Theatrical smoke generators are to be used to simulate the conditions of a typical enclosed fire
- The structure shall be no more than three stories high
- Plant two mature trees in excess of 25 feet tall, one Ponderosa Pine and one Douglas Fir outside the north wall near the gate
- A brick façade on all sides of the building including window dressing and shutters that match the other buildings on the campus to the maximum extent possible
- Compatibility with the Evergreen Area Community Plan to the extent possible

It is the intention of the EFR Board that the live-fire aspects of this new training building shall use a low, or no smoke burning material. To date the product "Excelsior" has been the best material found to meet the smoke requirement and still produce a realistic live-fire burn scenario. The "Operational Guidelines" and all building details shall be directed at this material but should not preclude other materials with improved characteristics.

The Fire Chief shall present to the Board a "Standard Operational Guideline" (SOG) detailing the use of this facility including safety and environmental impact aspects, by January 1, 2013.

Public Comment:

Gina Coco: September 11, 2012, To the Evergreen District Fire Board: My name is Gina Coco and I am the President of the Ridge at Hiwan HOA. From the feedback our HOA has received regarding the burn building, we have 411 households, which is vast, I represent all but 1 resident in the Ridge in these opinions. I am semi-retired after selling 2 financial corporations in 2008. I am the mother of 4 children ages 9- 19. I look at this issue from both a business and mother's perspective. As do all of the Ridge residents, I respect and am grateful for the services the volunteer fire department provides for the safety of my family and my neighbors.

There are so many issues with a positive decision on moving forward with the burn building that one must ask, what is the real agenda of the Fire Board? With all the feedback they have gotten they already have their motion written which blows me away. They even catered their prayer to what we are voting on today which is absolutely horrific. Let's look at the issues.

1. **Financial:** Why are we spending \$500K when the "volunteer" firefighters' pension fund is not properly funded? It is 1.4 million dollars underfund and that is with an 8% return rate which we all know is not happening right now. One argument has been made is that they cant get the volunteers to get down to training as they don't have the time, this is done in communities everywhere I don't know why we are above what everybody else does. Our firefighters do get a pension if they stay for 20 years at \$7200K/year for life at age 50. That should be

remuneration enough to get them down the hill to do the training. If not we need to look at getting paid firefighters and see what we need to do because Mr. Schneider made the statement last time and he said loud and clear that paid firefighters will go and travel for training whereas the volunteers don't want to do that.

2. Austerity: In a time where schools are increasing furloughs and class size and austerity is the method of operation in every aspect of government spending, why does this fire Board think they are exempt from what the rest of the country is doing during these hard economic times? Have we just overfunded them to a point where they are not being careful with our taxpayer dollars? If our tax payer fund will be used on luxuries at a time like this, we want them back. Americans have lost the definitions of the words want and need. This is something the Fire Board wants. The Volunteers want. It has gone many many years over two decades without it without any negative consequences; therefore it is not a need. And if this group as in everybody else that is opposed to will not believe the fear mongering that there's gonna be a fire next to it is the wrong approach, we're not that stupid. It is clearly a luxury and any one could argue luxuries are for times were money is plentiful, not tight. If we spend these funds on a burn building instead of catching up on the pension fund or doing the repairs on the current building, we are passing off this responsibility on the next generation of Evergreen residents. I'm aware that is popular with the Federal government but the Federal government may be able to print money, Evergreen cannot. Our residents expect fiscal responsibility from this Board without exception. Building the burn building before meeting its obligations is clearly irresponsible.

3. Constituents: Though most, if not all of the current Board members did not go through an election process as they were unopposed, they are still called to report to the constituents that WOULD have elected them us, the Evergreen taxpayer. Making a decision against what a large group of tax payers is adamantly opposed to is just not in line with a free society and is comparable to forcing a health care bill on America's who have clearly stated they don't want it.

4. Potential mill levy repeal: While the Board may have the power to make the decision in spite of what many of the Evergreen residents want, Evergreen residents do have recourse. The mill levy that was passed years ago can be rewritten, giving the Board minimal funds to work with and reducing our tax bill each year, if they refuse to consider the wants and desires of those that pay for it. Or we can repeal it and pass a new one that constricts how the Board can spend the funds, forcing them to ask residents for projects such as this. If the Board chooses to blatantly ignore such a large group of tax paying citizens, it will certainly have consequences it does not expect nor enjoy.

5. The burn building's future: In a free society, those in elected positions don't last when it has become clear that they are not hearing their constituents. It will also likely lead to those of us that are unhappy with the choices to run for those Board positions in the future to correct the wrongs that were done. A building that goes up can also be torn down. Do you really want to build a structure that will entice folks to run that want to tear it down? Other than fire fighters and their families, there is no outcry for this industrial, smoking, noisy, health-hazard of a building; do you think there will be when we tear it down? One would argue, no. The President of the Board at that time will probably hear the outcry tear this building down.

6. Health and Safety: I am appalled at the way the Board have taken a lackadaisical attitude regarding the health and safety issues that have been brought up. They did even know they had to calibrate their machines, which could cause a disaster. They had no idea of the potential hazard of mixing the theatrical smoke (even though the label clear states you should not mix it with such items) and have done no research since our team has told them of the hazard. They want our team to do it and bring the results to them. Does this seem like a group really putting the health of our residents and children as a number one priority? Other fire departments have moved burn building to protect citizens. CA will not allow class A burning during several months of the year. Are all these entities making these decisions because there are no health issues No, they are making them to PROTECT their residence, something our Board should certainly start making a priority.

7. Politics: Why aren't the school administrators taking a position against the building? Politics is the only possible answer. We have a stack of emails against the building that have come in from parents of Bergen students, yet the administration won't side with these concerns. Unfortunately, politics runs a great deal of our nation and Evergreen is no exception. The parents HAVE spoken and we MUST listen to the parents.

8. The unknown: Would this be the first time government officials told us that something isn't dangerous that was later found out to be a hazard to the community? No. There are countless examples of items that Americans have been exposed to that only years later were discovered to be a huge health hazard. Asbestos and lead paint are two very good examples. How many had to get sick before the government took action? We were told last time by a firefighter that our real estate would not be affected. We had a member against the burn building that had a full price offer on her house that she lost because they found out about the burn building.

9. The relationship: This is really the core. Does the fire Board really want this type of wound between it and the public? It will do irreparable damage. Every time we pass by whether it be a 3 or 4 story eye soar, which blocks what is now a wonderful view we will know that the Fire Board does not care about what we think as a people. Is that what you want your beloved burn building to stand for? It will be the scar in our relationship that doesn't fade and only gets worse with time.

Email read into the minutes: (Ms. Coco stated that email is from a member of the fire board and she added, this is from Wayne Shephard in response to all of the emails received by EFR because you're not smart enough to have an opinion on your own.)

Dear Mr. Peil, All these emails you have worked so hard to forward have proved only one thing, you have categorically misrepresented every justification impacting this training facility and you have only found support through fear mongering. Best Regards, Wayne Shephard.

She then added, Mr. Shephard and Board, You have miscalculated this group we are smart, intelligent individuals that can tell fear mongering which is what you folks are doing to truth and facts.

Can you go against our desires? You can. Will the consequences be far too high? I believe the answer is a clear yes. Please do not vote for this burn building.

Tanya Kanta: My name is Tanya Kanta, I am a mom, I am also a PhD, and I have been conducting evaluation research for almost 10 years. My position is not necessarily for or against this burn building but my position is for to gather enough information to make sure that we know what we are doing is safe and what the community members want. People still don't know about this training facility I have talked to alto of people that said this is the first time they have heard about it and from my profession experience three months is a very small amount of time to conduct a thorough process evaluation to find out if we are indeed meeting the needs of the delegation of the community, and if this is indeed something that we can go forth and feel good about and that we have checked all our ducks in a row and that it is safe. One of my concerns is just after doing some basic research on the MDS I did find that the intended smoke it should not be mixed with an oxidizer and it should not be used with open fire and it will cause toxic gas. I am not so concerned about the smoke as the smoke will dissipate, I am not concerned about Evergreen catching on fire as this is a good fire dept that they will be burning in a double sealed containment area so the likelihood that it will start a fire is much less than an ember from your chimney. What she is concerned is when you have two elements that you combine under heat and pressure it produces a chemical plume and we don't know if it is safe or not and we don't. She is not advocating to ban it or to build it but to gather more information to get the information we need to make the best decision for the community.

Paul Peil: Speech to EFR Sept. 11, 2012: Worked for Lockheed for 35 years as a satellite systems engineering manager and in that role the devil is in the details and you really got to pay attention to everything you do because if you don't you are going to cause a lot of loss of money and whatever the case may be. First off I want to say all of us very much appreciate what our firefighters do for our community. We all need to reflect on what happened 11 years ago today in NYC. A lot of brave and innocent souls lost their lives then and to this day it saddens me very much.

My speech is about Health and Safety, not only for the people who live in our community, but our firefighters who also may live in our community. Back in June when the Fire Board agreed to a 3 month period to allow review of the proposed new fire training facility, community members of the team consisting of fire department and community citizens toured the area where firefighter training outside the class rooms was done. The citizens and a member of the fire board were appalled at the lack of housekeeping in the area, particularly fuels for fire, pine needles, wood, tires, etc. The Fire Board member said this was awful and it would be cleaned up immediately. It was almost a month before the area was cleaned up. Would this be a safety / potential fire issue? I'd like to think action has been taken to remedy that. I asked the fire chief during this tour what product was used for theatrical smoke. He said mineral oil. Mineral oil stays permanently in lungs and no one knows the long term effects of this.

But its not used now. So, instead of getting a material safety data sheet for mineral oil, I was given a material safety data sheet for Zinc Chloride as provided by the vendor of the product. Product vendors seldom if ever provide accurate descriptions of the actual contents of their products stating that info is company proprietary. This info is only available from independent labs. The material safety data sheet from an independent lab on Zinc Chloride indicated a much different health and safety warning on the product. I have both material safety data sheets and asked Sandy from the Canyon Courier to call Froggy's Fog and what she discovered when she called the present vendor of the theatrical smoke allegedly used by our fire department. In regards to the Zinc Chloride and independent lab who had done research on that product and it was absolutely the most dangerous thing to use, it went from a level one on the NFPA & HMIS scale to a level three. Material safety data sheets must be in plain site in case of an emergency where our firefighters and EMT's may have to encounter a dangerous product. The material safety data sheets used by our firefighters are the marketing versions and not independent lab versions so we gotta get the fire department to get the real safety date sheets on these products. Propylene Glycol is an ingredient in the Froggy's Fog product used by our fire department. It is used in antifreeze for automobiles, cosmetics, lipstick etc so from that point of view its pretty safe. However, it has a dark side to it. Take a look at a loaf of bread for example. Probably has grains including wheat in it. Most likely safe to eat. In the process of storing wheat for distribution to consumers, there have been instances where the dust from the wheat caused extreme explosions and fire from a simple spark. This happens often in the wheat belt. Propylene glycol while safe on your lips, is not unlike wheat, it has a dark side as well. When used to create theatrical smoke, it must be heated and pumped through a smoke generator. The temperature which the smoke generator operates is critical here. If under or overheated, the theatrical smoke can turn toxic. Our fire department uses two identical 8 year old smoke generators. When asked to see the calibration records for these generators we were told they had never been calibrated, the users manual didn't mention it. So, I found the Technical bulletin on how to calibrate the machines and sent it to the fire department and at this time they are still looking into doing it. The most troublesome part of this is the fire department is using Froggy's Fog in these machines. The label on the bottle of Froggy's Fog indicates the smoke machine is to be cleaned with water and vinegar while the users guide for the smoke machine says "under no circumstances should tap, distilled or bottled water, vinegar, alcohol or any other fluid be used to clean the heat exchanger. The smoke machine users manual further states do not use a smoke fluid other than what the smoke machine is designed for. This is an issue for me and the fire dept should abandon using these machine. Further, the marketing Materials Safety Data sheet rates Froggy's Fog as a relative to flammability. This means it is combustible. The Froggy's Fog will be pre-heated by the smoke machine. With a fire under the Froggy's Fog, the Froggy's Fog smoke will be much hotter than its flash point which is 250 Deg. F. and therefore will ignite. I have a report from the Naval Research Lab and a follow up report from by another company that has been in business for 85 years, that study says that propylene glycol to create smoke simulation if you put fire under this stuff it could explode. Had the fire department done a basic review of the consequences of implementing their model for live fire, they would have abandoned it and not gone around the community convincing people about the safety of what they will use. Our firefighters are taking a great risk if the department continues with their proposed live fire ingredients. We were told by the Evergreen Fire Department that Colorado Springs and Greeley have installations near schools and residential areas like that proposed by them. We discovered Colorado Springs does not do live fire training at their facility, they drive to the Air Force academy for this training. Greeley has yet to get their fire training building built. They are trying to get a go ahead from several city agencies. When approved, it will be far away from any residential or school areas. Originally, they hoped to get the building up and running within a year. It sounds now like they will not make that estimate. Theatrical smoke leaves residue if it is not temperature controlled (Colorado Springs Training Building manager said this and we have independently verified this). This residue will fall on the school ground next door and get ingested into the heating system at the school. Although the principal at the school stated the school has no heat. Why is it that the fire board sought the approval of a few HOA's near the proposed training building to start the construction and when the board got significant negative feedback from these HOA's they stated the entire district needed to comment on it? Here are a few comments from the community: The EFD Board did the same thing when they built the new training building. At the 12th hour, a group of us were able to get changes to insure that it was not an eyesore and did not negatively impact our community. At the time, the Board said that the new training building was it, that there would be no more structures. Now this. It is obvious that the board has no integrity and little regard for honesty or the local community. The half-truths and strawmen they have put forth in defense of their designs are disingenuous at best. I believe that they intend to go ahead with this regardless of public opinion and the "hearings" are just for show. Legal action is our only recourse now.

My name is Dr. *****. My wife and I have lived in the***** Subdivision of North Evergreen, adjacent to Bergen Park for the past seventeen years. I am professionally retired now, but have been trained as an engineer and as a scientist in the field of fluid dynamics, combustion and the transport of chemical constituents in the environment. I have served as an Expert Witness in numerous high-profile trials and testified on behalf of the State of Colorado in the U.S. Supreme Court. I am deeply disturbed that Evergreen Fire Rescue would even consider, let alone plan, to construct a Burn Building in Bergen Park, Colorado. Industrial burning attempts are known to create a very large number of organic and inorganic constituents which are discharged to air, remain in the atmosphere for long periods of time and are chemically transformed to even more toxic constituents. The elevation, topography, proximity to residential neighborhoods, and the types of fuels that would have to be burned during tests, all are deeply disturbing to me both as a local resident and as an expert scientist. The plan is ill-conceived, poorly thought out and will cause irreparable damage to the local environment, causing human health that cannot be simply measured. Given that Lakewood, CO has a well equipped facility and that location has been demonstrated to serve the needs of communities in all neighboring foothills, Evergreen Fire Rescue should be encouraged to hold all its training sessions at that Lakewood, CO facility. It is not just a question of money savings, although that is also considerable, but the decision *not to build any such burn facility* in Bergen Park, CO would go a long way towards protecting children and the elderly, whose upper respiratory tracts are particularly vulnerable to combustion products.

Thank you for your consideration. I remain yours truly, Dr. *****Evergreen, CO 80439.

The EFR board must not decide to start work on the Training building until there is discipline in the department, someone is responsible for health and safety for our firefighters and citizens, documentation of processes and procedures for the training building is generated and properly trained, and live fire exercises are moved to alternate facilities like most other fire districts do. What I am asking here is lets get together and come up with a plan that is carefully thought out before you arbitrarily go off without considering anything which sounds like what you are doing. Also I would like to meet with the EFR Health and Safety Officer and get his name. Thank you.

Greg Meyeroff: My name is Greg Meyeroff and I am the chairman for the citizen committee. There is a couple of things concerning the motion that I would like to bring forward. One item that was brought up was the renting of the facility and we talked about not renting out the facility and the second thing was reduced activity, and that is a standard operating guide that Chris and I talked about. The other item was increasing the wall size from 8 feet to 14 feet and I just want to make sure that is still out there as part of the discussion. In April the Board made the decision to go ahead with this burn building and in June I found out about it and in June I didn't know what a burn building was. So one of the things we found out is that the Fire Board is a Special District and in that district there is no oversight to federal, state or local authorities because we are in an unincorporated area. One of the reasons that I think the group was formed was to have some oversight so that we can voice our opinions heard. There have been times where there was agreement and times where there was disagreement, and everyone knows my opinion that I don't want it here but I am open to looking at other things. The community here has a right to voice their opinions anyway we want, and when we become the enemies or when the firefighters become the enemies that's wrong. So in questioning the board and the press and Wayne and Charlie is a good thing because questioning allows us a better decision. If they just went ahead with it none of these things would have been brought up so questioning is good and what we want. We want you to hear our feedback. Paul might be an enemy now but he's drilled down on this stuff and its gonna help everyone be safe. So making a decision in a vacuum is not good so the input has been good and the process has not been the best, but the questioning is good. So again my opinion is that it shouldn't be here but I thought I would present something here tonight: I would like to propose that the existing training building be replaced with a new 2 story training building. The building would not have burn capability but would have the necessary features to accomplish the same training you are doing now at Station 2 and more. The burn building training which is done 4 times a year would remain as it has been done for 26 years in the Denver Metro Area. So this is my opinion and I want to get it on record. We are not enemies here we just have different opinions, and as talking to Wayne he wishes he could have had more of the firefighters input beside the board and Mike. Thank you for listening and being part of the process and we should keep questioning the board as this is a good process. Again we are not enemies we just have different opinions. Thank you.

Anne Salisbury: Hello I to am also on the committee, I don't have a prepared statement but I have an emotional plea: I feel that the That the Board and firefighters decided they wanted this burn building and I appreciate that they know what they want, the thing is that we too know what we want and we want to keep Evergreen beautiful.

To me it feels really criminal to harm a community in this way when so many people came here to live in beauty and have fresh air and to have 85 say they are unwilling to drive even five minutes to get training someplace else and harm the community of 40,000 people is wrong. What is it about living in a box? I am trying to appreciate what it is that can make you blind to a whole community of people and want what you want and not give a hoot about the community you live in. This is a place is a scar on this community for the next generation they say the building will last 50 years well it takes 176 years to get a payback on it and it would completely change the face of Evergreen. So I've been told we are lairs on the committee because we put out information they don't like hearing. But we go over our facts over and over again to make sure that whatever we put out is factual. We have put together a lot of material which puts the statements of the firefighters which we fell is just said out of ignorance not out of malice; we've spent well over 1000 hours doing research, I too have my doctorate and am used to doing research, so we know as a volunteer you don't have extra time to put in because you have other jobs, we do appreciate what you do. As we do our research we have come up lacking in understanding how you could continue to say if I don't get this burn building I can't save your life, when the burn training has nothing to do with wildfires, and you say if you make us go down the hill we can't save your life because our trucks will be out of district well that is two of the trucks and often times they are out of the district anyway helping another community out or if you're working down the hill over 50% of you are out of district not just 25% when you do the training four times a year, which you only do once every three years. I am just trying to understand how we can work together and get through to you guys that we love you, we appreciate what you do, it's an intense thing to go into a burning building I couldn't do it and I value that, and yet how can we work together to keep this community a beautiful community. So in closing I would just like to ask George please open your mind a little bit to other possibilities because we have gotten feedback and spending 500K of taxpayer money is hard to do versus the \$3,000 a training at four per year when we want to make sure the firefighters are well funded in their pension plan and we have a financial analyst look at this and you should be concerned. So please George think with us and Charlie we talked to you and at times I have seriously felt bullied as you know, by we are doing all this work and then it feels like you don't want to hear it or listen to it, and we have large amounts of research we want to share and I feel heart-broken when it seems like we are being told oh too bad we are not gonna listen to you we've made up our minds. We have spent three months of our lives doing this and cancelled vacations, we have been up all night doing this research and to say no we have made our decision before we talked to you so to bad even though we said we care about the community we really don't, and I hope that is not true and I hope we can have a much longer extended time to look into this as a group instead of us feeling bullied.

Bob Gottsman: I am retired and have lived up here about 34 years. I've been going to the fire board meetings for the last four years out of curiosity on how a fire board works and how a fire department works and politics work. I have been involved in this for the last three months and what I was looking for when I started this without any preconceived answers I had questions. When I looked at it with the other members, board members and the Chief, it's probably a conversation the community should have had ten years ago. I feel like we're looking for a win win situation but unfortunately I am not sure we are there. I also feel like we are in a lose lose situation. I think we've all learned a lot and a few firefighters in particular have done a lot of work. Like the other residents of the community I like them, I trust them, and so I think where we are is to catalog the information and wait a bit so that we could get some competition on the information we have gotten. I am not sure what works best for the firefighters doing their live fire training while working with the school to find out when to schedule live burns, but I am not sure that is a factor. The hardest part is when they get the unplanned called out which they are very much appreciated for and they leave their families or friends. Training is planned in advance but if they have to make plans with the schools that could be a disadvantage. I like them and I trust them so we will just have to see, thank you.

Larry Hayes: Good evening, I was also a member of the committee. I am a degreed Colorado School of Mines engineer and been up here 35 years. I've been involved after I got concerned about what I was reading in the paper. I live over the hill so its not in my backyard but I do see the facility as I drive by. I do have some concerns on issues raised with the fire board and the committee. One of the things that became evident to me was that with more information being distributed our relationship with Charlie and Mike kind of went downhill due to the he said, she said, a lot of things quoted second hand and a lot of conversations about local HOAs and that most of the residents in Evergreen are for the burn building. We got a lot of documentation from our committees but we are not hearing from the other 35 thousand residents and that was a concern. The fire group felt that very strongly that they are being supported by these 40 thousand residents and that may be the case but one of the things that came out was when we got into this he said/she said conversations it brought to me a point that the

fire board and the committee should do and we owe it to the community. I would like to see us jointly prepare a fact sheet and list the major items and get the facts as presented by the committee and the fire board and make it available to the community and get some feedback and see what the community is really saying. So what I would like to ask of the fire board is to hold the vote tonight, lets working together and put out the fact sheet.

Linda Peil: I live in the Ridge, I'm married to Mr. Peil, he talked to you about Safety Data Sheets. What I understand there was a promise made from the Board to the community at the time this structure was built was that there would be no more building on their property. Times change, boards change and a broken promise effects us all and gives everybody a feeling that we are no longer connected to the people that protect us in our community.

David Temple: I live in the Trails so this facility here is in my backyard. I've attended every meeting that we've had on this issue, I've had conversations with people in the community group and I agree with them on a bunch of stuff and I disagree on some stuff. When we started out it would be fair to say I was one of the biggest opponents to the process of how the decisions were getting made and I was the one to ask for a three month moratorium and the board agreed and it's been helpful at least it has been for me. My first and foremost concern about the proposed training tower is health and safety. There are two aspects to safety one is smoke and one is fire. I have two teenage boys, one has asthma and uses an inhaler all the time he plays in the neighborhood, and mows five of the lawns on Deerfield so they are up here at 10 hours a week behind the fire building so yes I am concerned about safety but after everything I have heard and read I have come to the conclusion that there is no safety issue. Here is what I mean by that. The smoke we heard conversations and Mr. Peil has gotten down to a level of detail that frankly I don't understand, but what I know is that there is a lot of literature out there from the industry and I've seen some of it, not as much as Mr. Peil has and I haven't seen anyone who's identified a problem with smoke in this environment and there is something else that happened a week after the board voted to delay this process I met with some community members and one of the members of the Trails HOA Board said that he had been authorized to tell us on behalf of the board, that they would spend money to support the community's effort to do further investigation and research so in other words they were willing to put some real money behind research, and the fact of the matter is after three months that hasn't happened. The fact is that Mr. Peil's information is very anecdotal and he is not an expert, he never said he was and what he presented is not an expert report. That is not information from someone who has studied the industry. Those people are out there and a couple of thousand bucks would go a long way to have hired one of those persons and we had a chance as a community and we didn't do it. The fire board to their satisfaction has researched it because they have read the industry publications and Mr. Kling's case for over 30 years. Now when he tells me he has never seen an identification of a problem with these chemicals I believe him, maybe he is lying but choose to believe him on that point. So that's what I know and don't know about the smoke. As to the fire, right now they are doing live fire training in a pit. What they propose to do is to take their live fire training inside a steel building that sounds to me like that is going to be safer not less safe. So that is my thought about the fire issue. There is another player here, the school. The school district and the school board have taken a look at this as well and I have an email from the Principal at Bergen Elementary school. Here is what Peggy Miller says: I am comfortable with you saying "Bergen Meadow Elementary Principal Peggy Miller is comfortable with the training facility expansion. The school district has taken some time to look at all the information presented and with the conditions that the training will not take place during school hours we have no concerns with the fire department moving forward with its plans." That's a pretty important voice in this debate. So my position about all this is I'd rather that this is not in my backyard, I'd prefer not to have a noisy, fire department complex at all in my backyard unless of course I need you and then I want you right where you are. Fortunately I have never had to use the fire department but I have had my children transported down to the hospital by the ambulance side a few time. Once it was the fire guys first on scene when my son busted out in a field but what I have done and what I have worked with on the board and the community is what are the alternatives? Is there another better good choice? They own a bunch of properties and I and a bunch of people have looked hard at these properties, we visited them and looked at aerial photos and talked to the people in those neighborhoods and the fact of the matter is what we would be doing if we built there is that we would just be moving our issue to their neighborhood and that is not ok and I don't think anyone here thinks it's ok. So that's not an alternative. So another alternative is to buy property or get someone to donate property and I know a bunch of people on the neighborhood committee have investigated those possibilities and I know Chief Weege has investigated those possibilities, and I have been informally have been told that the Board would be willing to spend up to another \$200,000 if they could find a piece of property they would buy it and it doesn't exist. Other communities have property like that they could spend a couple of hundred

thousand dollars to get a piece of property but we don't have that type of property in Evergreen. So that is not an alternative. So where does that leave us. They could continue going down the hill for training and the question is that a good option, well I don't think it is. I don't know much about it so I asked a lot of questions and I met with Chief Weege and from what I understand right now is that our firefighters do is they go down to Denver and for the most part they meet their minimum certification requirements, that's training once every three years, but what he wants is to have the quality fire department he feels our community deserves and the Board has asked him to bring forth is a better trained fire department. So if they get this facility on site instead of getting them trained once every three years he's gonna have them train three times every year. The reason he can do that is because since all of them live up here they will come to the three hour sessions Monday nights. When they go to Denver it's a 10-12 hour proposition every single time and he just can't get these guys who volunteer their time to do that, and I get that. So if the training facility is here they get a lot more training and that's what he tells me they need and he is the expert and I believe him. Now with that said that started my relationship with the community folks and the board and the chief because I wanted to know why they thought they needed what was originally proposed which was a 40 foot building with another 4 feet above that. I've seen these buildings and they are ugly and they don't fit in. What they have agreed to is instead of 44 feet they are going to drop it down to 30 feet, 8 feet lower than the existing maintenance building, they made it clear they have never intended to burn the kind of material that blackens the outside of the building, and they promised that won't happen. They are putting a brick façade so it matches the rest of the complex, they are putting on a slanted roof so it looks better and compatible with the rest of the buildings, so at the end of the day instead of this 44 foot tower we are looking at a 30 foot building which based on the mockups will fit in with the rest of the buildings. It certainly doesn't look like the training buildings that are on the fliers that have been distributed that show a four-story blackened building. There are some other things I talked to them about. They are going to plant some great big trees and have asked to budget \$20K for more trees, more greenery. So I don't see how this is going to look worse than it does now, I think it's gonna look just fine. We asked them to stop the training earlier in the night, they agreed to stop it at 9:30, we asked them to study the lights and the noise, now those things will happen whether they build it or not but they have agreed to look at it and they have agreed to have a phone line for complaints and that there will be a prompt response. In summary I was at a get together with some friends and a firefighter who was also there said something striking to me he said, David lets think about this, they are committing to no more than 12 days a year to do this training and they start at 6:30 at night, and between October and March when its pitch black outside I don't think anyone is going to be sitting out on their decks trying to enjoy the view in the freezing cold so what does that leave us with? That leaves us with six days when they will be training with daylight when people are out on their decks and they will see smoke and they're not gonna like it and I get that. But that's the total impact as I see it, six days out of 365. There have been some fliers and emails have been distributed from both sides with inaccurate information and if you have questions, ask the fire guys because you should assume that the representation in this literature accurately represents the other side's position. It's easy to argue against a position when you make up the oppositions position. There's a lot of inaccurate information out there. One last thing I want to comment on another speakers remark that these guys should go down the hill because they get a pension some day, well a few of them do. Its takes 20 years before they get a small pension, for 20 years they don't get a penny, so to say that is adequate enumeration I think degrades the good work that they do. Thank you.

Sally Korff: I live on Old Squaw Pass Rd, west of here. I've lived in Evergreen since 1972 I have not heard one person who has lived here longer than that. Evergreen used to be so beautiful it was just heavenly; Evergreen is still beautiful but not like it used to be. There are building where there was one A&W root beer stand, nothing in Bergen Park. I guess change is inevitable and I still love living here. In 2003 we built a new house and one day in July there was a fire at the house next to us and there are no hydrants in the neighborhood. The fire dept came and they improvised, it was phenomenal. Even though I was in Denver the neighbors told me what a great job they did. I am so grateful to every firefighter in Evergreen. They work so hard and give of their time so willingly and we should all be grateful. Another time a guest passed out and the paramedics were great. I love living here and have spoken to some of the firefighters and I trust that if they feel that they need I am totally in support of it. We need to trust the people who are taking care of us. I don't know anything about this being political or anything like that, but I am really grateful and I want to say thank you to each of your from the bottom of my heart. Please continue to do the great work that you do. Thank you.

James Maul: I have been a resident here in Evergreen for 15 years and I have five kids, we live at the Ridge, I am a cardiothoracic surgeon, but grew up in Ohio and when my father died when I was a teen I was taken under

the wing and essentially adopted by a firefighter/paramedic who still to this day is one of my closest family members and my adoptive father. His son came to Colorado and trained as a firefighter/paramedic and was recognized by Mr. Obama for helping putting out the Colorado Springs fires. I've been a trauma surgeon and lives were saved by firefighters/paramedics. I have to tell you that living here in the Ridge I just found out about this literally a few weeks ago so I am probably ill-informed and I welcome the opportunity to get better informed. Having said that, having spent 30 years of my life obsessed with the practice of medicine and healthcare I have to say contrary to the filibuster you heard a few minutes ago there are major health and safety concerns that cannot be denied. Flatly smoke in any form is generally harmful and why we would need something like this in a residential neighborhood in a valley next to schools is a real shock to me. Gina talked about the fact that we expose ourselves to things that we don't necessarily know about and sadly I was only one of ten surgeons in the US fifteen years ago performing operations to save people who have been exposed to mesothelioma. When they got diagnosed with that they only had eleven months to live. You don't want to find out the hard way that exposing our neighborhoods to potential toxins that very often are carcinogenic that are going to be inhaled by our children. My oldest son has asthma and smoke can literally impose and acute asthmatic attack. For the necessity for this facility has to be questioned not it its benefits its really all about location. Does it belong here in a residential neighborhood with families and kids and generating somewhere in the realm of what I understand to be about 135, 756 cubic feet of smoke on the weekend and about 50,000 cubic feet of smoke on the weekday. I spoke to this firefighter/ paramedic about how it was difficult for the Colorado Springs FD to get something like this approved and that the EPA has been a flat brick wall to get this approved. He suggested that some facilities use natural gas and I am a big fan because that doesn't emit toxic smoke. Another issue is the 90 mph gusts that blow across our porch and sadly it happens that fires can start. I know everyone has great intentions here but it takes just one accident and we could have a fire, neighborhood deaths. Prevention is the better judgment here. So having served on the board of directors on several companies I am no longer practicing medicine and I serve as a CEO of another health technology company and I know boards serve on behalf of the shareholders. All of us here are taxpayers, the money you want to spend is our money, the board serves on behalf of its constituents. We have to stop this divisiveness we are all in this together and we all want you guys to be incredibly trained, we want the Chief to have the most incredible facilities known to firefighting, that's in everyone's best interest. But we need to balance that with the finances, we just have to come together and figure out what's the right solution, get level headed minds to figure that out, and is this the right location and what are the alternatives, what's the best way to get you guys trained for the community that you serve in such a dedicated way. Hope you take this to heart there is still more work to do here and if you do it against the will of the shareholders there will definitely be repercussions. I don't know if you did a referendum right now across the community and I challenge you to do it this fall and see how much of the community thinks this is a good idea.

Charlie Neppell: I live about 10 miles south of here. Folks often joke about seeing a burning building and seeing everyone trying to get out of the building and running away from the building - except for the firefighters. This is not a joke. You cannot save lives, you cannot preserve property and you cannot put out a fire from outside the building. Firefighters need to make entry into the building, find the fire that is usually hiding in a smoke-filled room and then get face-to-face with that fire and put it out. There are many reasons firefighters approach a fire as they do. We could all put some complementary adjectives on their behavior. I would suggest that there are a couple of less thought of reasons or their behavior: they are trained and they are confident that their officers are trained and will never needlessly send them into an untenable situation. You don't get to that level of training and confidence in a classroom. Every day we delay from here on effects the overall training of Evergreen Firefighters. I request that the Board approve the new training facility as proposed, where proposed without delay and move the project along as quickly as possible.

Lynn Rehkoph: There have been so many wonderful speakers tonight with a lot to say and I just want to add a couple of comments. I am a member of the community committee; I worked for the DuPont Company for 15 years as a financial analyst. I have a lot of experience with new projects. My concerns are primarily financial concerns which have been touched on briefly. First of all the firefighter pension fund is not fully funded. In the course of the last three years the contribution to the principle of the fund has been less than what has been paid out to the firefighters. I can tell you as a financial analyst that's a grave concern. We know we have to make significant contributions to our pension funds in order to have money in the end. That's my first concern. That is a considerable amount of money, according to the actuarial analysis by the financial representative for the fire men; the difference was a negative \$400K in the last three years. My second concern is that the primary source of revenue for this department is home values and the home values in the Evergreen area for the Evergreen Fire

Protection District in Jefferson County per the Assessor's office have gone down 14% in the last three years additionally home values are forecasted to go down an additional 5%. So the primary revenue base for this wonderful department is going down. I believe as a community we have to put our house in order first, we need to take into consideration the commitment we made to our firefighters for those who are dedicated to stay with us for 10 to 20 years who are eligible for a pension they need to know that that money is going to be there for them and right now we are not making that promise. Right now we are underfunding the pension fund. Moreover we need to take into consideration existing facilities and existing projects and take a look at those projects for the next 5 years in order to determine that our tax base is going down whether we truly have the money to take on a new project. I know that right now the Strategic Capital fund looks like we have money in it for the project but its possible if we truly funded the retirement fund properly and also funded the existing projects we will discover we truly do not have the money to fund a new project at this time. I would have to speak on behalf and in agreement with those people who have asked the board to step back, take a deep breath and lets really do a thorough research and study of this particular project. I think we need to consider health and safety issues, consider funds are they truly available, consider promises that we have made and to the fireman and not just look at it on the basis of today but to take a 5 year look. Let's make a good decision, a sustainable decision we can live with so that if we do decide to put the facility here we can say we made a good decision. If we decide to find a piece of property in the Evergreen area to put the facility on that's more appropriate we can step back and know we made a good decision. In summary and conclusion that in contrast to the gentleman before me, ask the board to please consider stepping back, let's do a proper study of this particular proposal and make a good informed decision. We waited 26 years for this facility I think we can step back, take six months, take a deep breath, and really do a through study using good experts to make an informed decision. Thank you.

Ward Kehkoph: I don't have a prepared remark and I will be very brief. I am not sure whether we like or dislike each other, I think we really do like each other I know I certainly appreciate the great job that the everyone does here. I'm a retired plant manager I had to wear bunker gear I had to go through the confined space entry training. I sweat like crazy to learn all that stuff and I had to wear those air packs I really appreciate what you all do. I have one concern, I have a 13 year old daughter and I live right across the way here and I am more concerned now that I was before of the possible impact of these byproducts of the training. I'm not questioning that training is a good thing, I am really really afraid for my daughter. That's all.

Valeri Leswig: I just want to start by saying that I am very grateful to live in a community where people are involved and passionate and care. While we may have a lot of different points of view I think being able to come together had have smart intelligent debate when we are at odds is incredible for us and will work for years in our future to help us move forward as a community as a whole. The first thing I have to address is some significant medical difference. Ethylene Glycol is the component of anti-freeze which is dangerous. Propylene Glycol is the substance that you find in your ice cream that makes it not get all that frost burn. It's in your toothpaste, it's in your shampoo, it's in your sunscreen and lip gloss, it is FDA safe to eat so these are not the same components in any way. I want to say that when I first found out about this training facility as someone who has asthma and I wheeze on occasion and that has 5 year old twins that are just starting kindergarten right here at Bergen Meadow, as a pediatrician that has the office has across the street who truthfully I put more children on inhaled pulmonary steroids this year than I have in my entire life, and I think that is largely due to all the wildfires, I was really concerned about this facility, I was worried. After having talked with the Chief and a lot of people in the community, I honestly feel that this facility will actually increase safety and here is why. Right now we have live fire training, we burn wood pallets in a pit, we have to train on using the hoses and that is all released into the air. We are going to take that fire and put it in an enclosed facility, and we are going to reduce the amount of real smoke that is inhaled by at least 80%. That's a big difference to me. I'm inherently biased about this project, I am board certified in pediatrics but I am subspecialty trained in kids emergency medicine and I spent the first 10 years working as a physician in the ER. There is no substitute in the ER for live training. You do not get adequate training once every 3 years so I believe in live training. But to separate myself from that, I called three separate pediatric pulmonologists. I called someone I worked with at Colorado Children's, I called someone I know at National Jewish, I called a pediatric pulmonologist who I had not met at Rocky Mountain Center for Children no one in their history has ever seen a case of a child having an asthma attack from theatrical smoke, Froggy Fog or whatever. So in my 10 years and their 60 plus experience no one had ever seen that be a problem. I will say that the fire danger in our community is real and I think the better training we have the better off we will be. I think the idea that 12 hours later that the system at the school will have sucked smoke into the school and put our kids in danger is extremely unlikely. And I want you to know that I really feel that we will really benefit from this facility

and that our property values will go up because we have good schools, and good support in our community and we will do better.

BOARD VOTE: First members of the committee made a few comments:

Director Simons: There were a lot of good speakers and a lot of information. I personally have sat and listened very carefully to all of it and all of it makes good sense. I want to thank the committee for putting up with me over the last three months. Sometimes it became heated but we always left smiling, shaking hands and Greg I appreciate that. Our committee when we started down this road had three options:

1. Build the training facility somewhere else
2. We could continue training down in Denver
3. We could build our project

Those were the three items we were charged with as a committee. Truthfully we wouldn't be sitting in that committee if we weren't considering building the facility, that's why we were sitting there. There is no doubt about that. We looked very carefully at all the different property, we looked at the property the district owns and doesn't own, we have considered someone donating a piece of property, we have looked at the price of commercial property and I have to tell you it is astounding, there is no question about that. If we are going to build this project and do it as economically as we can which is our intent then the idea of going out and purchasing property doesn't fit. Some of the property we looked at was in the range of \$700-\$900K. We found one property on Bryant drive that would have worked unfortunately it's not for sale. The committee came up with there was no property that was for sale that fit our needs.

I am going to make a motion for the board to discuss. Due to Sunshine Laws we can only speak to no more than one other board member at one time. One comment was made that the speaker was appalled that we had a prepared motion; you shouldn't be. Anyone that has been or is a member of a Board that is contemplating an action is going to list a board action is certainly going to prepare a well thought out proposal and that is what we have done.

Therefore, I make the following motion, Mr. President I move that in regard to the new training facility the Evergreen Fire District Board has reached the following conclusions:

1. The Board is committed to keeping a fully volunteer firefighting force in Evergreen and intends to do everything in its power to see that this force has every reasonable training facility available.
2. There is a need for a new training facility with live-fire capability within the Evergreen district. Commuting outside of the district for this training puts an unacceptable burden on the volunteer firefighters of Evergreen, and increases the risk of an accident especially on the return trip when all participants are exhausted.
3. The Board, along with the working group has researched all of the other Evergreen Fire District properties and several other properties and has concluded that none would provide as cost-effective and efficient a location as the Station 2 location.
4. The Board has sent out RFPs for the building and construction and has determined that Fire Facilities and J Reed have presented the best bids.
5. The Board should proceed with review of this project by Jefferson County.

The Evergreen Fire District Board of Directors hereby directs the Chief and other members of Evergreen Fire Rescue to immediately begin the process leading to the construction of a new training facility. Significant characteristics of this new training facility shall be:

- The facility shall be located on the site of the existing training shed in the Station 2 complex
- The live-fire burn areas shall use class A burning material capable of burning with low or no smoke (additional details below *)
- Theatrical smoke generators to be used to simulate the conditions of a typical enclosed fire
- The structure shall be no more than three stories high
- We shall plant two mature trees in excess of 25 feet tall, one Ponderosa Pine and one Douglas Fir outside the north wall near the gate
- A brick façade on all sides of the building including window dressing and shutters that match the other buildings on the campus to the maximum extent possible
- Compatibility with the Evergreen Area Community Plan to the extent possible

* It is the intention of the EFR Board that the live-fire aspects of this new training building shall use a low, or no smoke burning material. To date the product "Excelsior" has been the best material found to meet the smoke requirement and still produce a realistic live-fire burn scenario. The "Operational Guidelines" and all building details shall be directed at this material but should not preclude other materials with improved characteristics. The Fire Chief shall present to the Board a "Standard Operational Guideline" (SOG) detailing the use of this facility including safety and environmental impact aspects, by January 1, 2013 so moved. Director Dykeman seconded the motion, Board discussion ensued:

Director Simons: If we find a better product to use in the live fire training we will use it. So we have between now and the first of January to find what product we will use. My intent of the motion is we are going to build the building to benefit the community and our firefighters. The building will not be rented out but other departments can use the facility when EFR firefighters are training. Chief Weege reiterated that same point.

Director Dykeman: As the second on the motion, I have a few comments I need to make. I was not on the committee. I first want to express my appreciation to Greg Meyeroff for putting together the committee. The first speaker was appalled that we had this motion prepared previously. I received this motion at 6:55 pm, five minutes before the start of the meeting. Toxic use of smoke, if it was toxic we wouldn't use it against our firefighters, we are not going to put them in danger by making a decision that would be them in danger and you in danger as well. The comment about pension we take that very seriously. Separate from us, there are two other boards that handle the pension and those concerns will be given to those Boards who have experts on how the pension should be funded. I was concerned with the surgeon who spoke about the thousands of toxic materials going on here on Saturdays and I am not sure where that came from and I hate to argue with someone who has that reputation and it precedes him. But i disagree with this comment. I appreciate those that spoke for and against the facility but that is how government works. I am fully convinced this is the way to go.

Director Christensen: I felt pretty frustrated through the previous meetings and at this meeting. There were many comments made that I would like to address. First is the cost. We are in the business of protecting life and property. The size of the things that we deal with is in the range of a half to over a million dollars, and we can get a benefit after the first day of training in our new facility. The other comment I would like to address is on air quality especially the point on the thousands of toxins. I know that cigarette smoke has a couple of thousand, and we might burn a hundred pounds of pine material especially designed for this purpose and what does that compare to? Well a hundred pounds is equivalent to having 10-15 homes burning in their wood fireplaces, and there are many more households in Evergreen that burn wood than 10-15. A hundred pounds of pine material equates to 15 gallons of gas, at 25 miles per gallon puts out as much pollutants as thirty of your neighbors driving an average trip here in Evergreen. Conditions that would come from the smoke produced by our training facility are dwarfed by the others. If you are concerned about air quality then I wouldn't start your car, the level of this discussion is way out of proportion to what will actually occur. And on the cost discussion don't compare it to the \$7K we spend a year but to one life saved by the additional training provided by this facility.

Director Kling: This project has been cast as a wish list of ours. The reality of how we got here today is really where we are sitting right now. This is a request made by the last 10 chiefs and it has been targeted that in 2011-2012 this facility come to fruition, we just happen to be the Board at this time, it's not our doing but the communities long term plan. Further discussion ensued.

A vote on the motion was taken; the motion passed unanimously.

MEETING RECESSED / RECONVENED: Director Simons recessed the meeting for a short break at 9:23 PM and reconvened at 9:38 PM.

PRESENTATIONS: 2012 July Financial Report

DISTRICT CASH AND INVESTMENTS

First Bank	\$	105,579
C-Safe General Fund	\$	907,632
Strategic Capital Fund	\$	1,820,579
Capital Projects	\$	199,662
Debt Service	\$	649,517

Apparatus Replacement	\$ 1,295,104
Tabor Reserve	\$ 120,306
Charitable Donations	<u>\$ 4,439</u>
Total	\$ 5,102,818

Brendan Campbell, CPA of Pinnacle Consulting Group, Inc. prepared the financial report.

Variance Analysis: General Fund Revenues are at 99.34% of budget, and 96.4% of last year. Please note- the large positive variance in Other Revenue is due to the sales of vehicles, which were not budgeted for 2012. General Fund Expenditures are at 89.7% of the budget, 104.3% of 2011 YTD. EMS Revenues are at 120.5% of Budget, and 104.2% of 2011 YTD. EMS Expenditures are at 97.8% of Budget, 117.3% of last year. Director Christensen asked why the EMS Other Operating Expenses were so high. Chief Weege will reply to this by email. Director Dykeman made a motion to accept and place on file the July 2012 Financial Report, Director Christensen seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

DIVISION REPORT

Administration/HR:

- An extension/waiver has been filed with the FCC and APCO to request permission for the VHF radio conversion project to be completed after the January 2013 deadline.
- Sexual Harassment training is in the purchasing phase
- 2013 Budget being moved into the first draft process for presentation to the Board at the October meeting.
- The Strategic Plan process has been delayed in order to focus on the questions and concerns of the community about the proposed training building.
- Chris Johnson has developed a web-based software application to replace the current RedBeam bar code software and is in the testing phase of data importing and reporting functions. New radio units will be entered first before the program phases into EMS and Maintenance inventories.
- Frank Dearborn will not be continuing as the Communications contact for the Chief.

Radio Update:

- IT: Expansion of bandwidth to station 2.
- New inventory tracking system in place; Red Beam not working for us.
- Waiver request submitted to FCC for our narrow banding for the Jan 1 deadline.
- We have all our frequencies, we have programmed radios, infrastructure bids are out.
- Construction started on Upper Squaw, the buildings are going up as well as the tower.

Communications:

- Part time employee hiring process almost complete. Three individuals have been selected.
- Cassidian/Patriot 911 phone system implementation schedule:
 - Install 10/29/12
 - Training week 11/5/12
 - Go live 11/12/12
 - Getting quotes for 4th work station to be completed.

EMS:

- The full time paramedic position has been filled by Dorrance Roderick with start date of Sept. 8th. The part time paramedic position has been filled by Jodi Walzer as is currently in the orientation process.
- Moved our collections accounts to the State of Colorado saving us approximately \$8,000 per year in collections fees.
- To date 551 community members have taken our FREE CPR course with a goal of 1,000 by the end of the year. September will include a Back to School CPR class for parents who drop their kids off at school and have to wait. We'll teach them CPR while they wait.
- Finalizing the EMS portion of the 5 year plan.

Fire Prevention:

- The Fire Prevention Section participated in Jefferson County Community Safety Awareness Day on August 25th teaching fire safety to approximately 350-400 event participants.

- Upcoming fire safety programs include our annual School visits, a presentation to the local realtors association and the Pathfinder group at Senior Resource Center.
- SAFETY DAY, September 22, the pancake breakfast will be from 8-11 am and Safety Day events from 10-2 pm.
- The Life Care Center fire alarm system upgrade drawings have been reviewed, numerous comments returned, and we are now waiting for revised drawings to review.
- Shelley and Doug are conducting annual visual inspections of all our fire extinguishers, current saving approximately \$400-\$500.

Maintenance:

- Annual pump testing has begun and may continue into October. We are contract pump testing for Foothills Fire/Rescue this year also. This is done at a flat rate with additional expenses for any repairs needed.
- Modified a fire apparatus for Colorado Division of Wildlife kept near Mt. Evans at their request. Improved flexibility, performance, and made it compatible with EFR equipment in case of cooperative need.
- Aerial truck was tested by Underwriters Laboratory and several issues were identified. Remained in service with repairs scheduled on 9/10/12 under warranty.
- Annual ladder testing was completed.
- Beginning the evaluation for replacement of Tender 8 with the goal of providing a vehicle configured similarly to the other three tenders in current inventory.
- An issue has been identified with the well water at Station 4. A solution is being developed with the goal of abandoning the well.

Fire Operations Update:

- Urban Interface training involving surrounding agencies will occur this month, tentatively the weekend of 9/29. We change the subdivisions annually; this year will be the northern aspect of the district. These are very large scale training events.
- The probies have been released to run all calls after successfully completing live fire trainings. We look forward to voting them on the department in October.
- Thank you Brandon Kuglin, Nelson Parrish and all the rookies for completing hose testing this year. Just under 28,000 feet of hose was completed.
- Dr. Leswig would like to have a lecture series on pediatric medicine. Subjects to be determined. Chris Johnson to work on this with her.

BOARD MEETING TOPICS: Sexual Harassment training will start in Oct.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Bond Refinance: Pinnacle is working on this project, taking a fresh look at all the RFPs and will present a proposal with costs at the October board meeting.
- Bear Mountain HOA: Frank Dearborn met with the HOA, they thanked us for the fire efforts and they also brought up some concerns regarding water, 911 and dispatch directions which were addressed at the meeting. It was a very positive meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: None

MEETING ADJOURNED: Director Dykeman made a motion to adjourn; Director Christensen seconded the motion; the motion carried; the meeting adjourned at 10:50 PM.

NEXT MEETING DATES

Regular District Board Meeting on Tuesday, October 9th at 7pm in Training Rooms A & B
401A Pension Board Meeting at 6:30 PM prior to the district board meeting.

Respectively Submitted,

Sylvia Ross
Recording Secretary