



# Durango Fire Protection District

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## Minutes of the DFPD Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, April 23, 2024, 8:00 a.m. 142 Sheppard Dr

President Karen Barger called to order the meeting of the Durango Fire Protection District Board of Directors at 8:03 a.m. Board members present for the Call to Order were Rob Farino via Zoom, Tina McCallum via Zoom, Samantha Gallagher, Lyle McKnight and John Dezendorf. Staff members included Fire Chief Randy Black, Deputy Chief Michael Krupa, Deputy Chief Jeff Harris, Finance Director Eric Baker, Fire Marshal Stephen Rinaldi, Fleet and Facilities Director Howard Smith, Human Resources Director Megan Kunch, Battalion Chief Scott Sholes, and Administrative Assistant Katie Pounds.

AGENDA: Additions, Deletions, Revisions: none

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. March 26, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

*A motion was made by Samantha Gallagher to approve the March 26, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes, seconded by Steve List. Motion carried unanimously.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: none

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment.

### REPORTS:

**Chief Report:** Fire Chief Randy Black reported on the following:

- **Station 2:** The loan was closed and funded. The money for the station is currently in COLOTRUST which will gain interest until it is drawn out. The closing cost was taken out and the estimate is now under the original estimate after bids came in. The GNP has come in and needs to be reviewed. The Builders Risk Insurance Policy has been difficult to obtain. The City is putting in a retention pond which will require DFPD to have an IGA with the City. Since that will take months, the City went ahead and gave DFPD the Foundation Permit.
- **Backfill:** The amount of backfill is the amount that was to be expected. However, the County is currently holding it. DFPD should prospectively receive it in May.
- **9-R School District:** DFPD received a reply from 9-R concerning negotiations of 201 E 12<sup>th</sup> St, not accepting DFPD's offer. DFPD is currently working with attorney Allison Ulmer to respond to 9-R.
- **New Engine 15:** Fleet and Facilities and Engineer Drew Duvall have been working on the new Engine 15, getting it ready for service.
- **Recent Significant Calls:** There were a couple of significant calls within the last week. A liquid-nitro gas tanker rolled over on 160, closing the highway down for eight hours. The other was due to a gas line being hit at Walmart which had to be evacuated. The crews handled both calls really well. The day after this call there was an Airport Disaster Drill.
- **State Legislature:** There is a possibility of the elimination of state and city oversight of impact fees. If this passes, DFPD will rescind its agreement with La Plata County and the City of Durango so the impact fees will come straight to DFPD. Also, the State currently only funds full time fire department

employees with cancer diagnoses. If this piece of legislature passes, the funding will stretch to volunteers and part time employees of fire departments as well.

- The 2023 Annual Report has been completed. Each Board member received a copy. Deputy Chief Michael Krupa stated the report will be posted on DFPD's website.
- Deputy Chief Michael Krupa noted a small house fire that started over the weekend. Fire Marshal Stephen Rinaldi and his staff worked well with other agencies during their investigation. The Division of the Fire Marshal is continuing to build good relationships with other agencies through incidents.

**Finance Report:** Finance Director Eric Baker presented the financial statement for March 2024.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Public Hearing – Petitions for Inclusion: Consideration of Order of Board of Directors Approving Inclusion**

**Petitions:** There was no public comment. *A motion was made by Samantha Gallagher to approve the Petitions for Inclusion, seconded by Lyle McKnight. Motion carried unanimously.*

**Consideration and Possible Action on Resolution 2024-5: APPROVAL OF LISTING CONTRACT FOR 104**

**SHEPPARD DRIVE:** *A motion was made by Steve List to approve Resolution 2024-5: APPROVAL OF LISTING CONTRACT FOR 104 SHEPPARD DRIVE, seconded by John Dezendorf. Motion carried unanimously.*

President Karen Barger adjourned the meeting at 8:42 a.m.

  
Karen Barger, President

5/29/2024  
Date

Attest:  
  
Katie Pounds, Administrative Assistant