



## Durango Fire Protection District

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### Minutes of the DFPD Board of Directors Regular Meeting

Tuesday, July 23, 2024, 8:10 a.m. | 142 Sheppard Dr, Durango, CO 81303

#### Call to Order

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 Steve List, Rob Farino, John Dezendorf and Lyle McKnight. Staff members included Fire Chief Randy Black, Finance Director Eric Baker, Battalion Chief Randy Baker, Human Resources Director Megan Kunch, Fleet and Facilities Director Howard Smith, and Administrative Assistant Katie Pounds. Also in attendance were legal counsel Bud Smith and Volunteer Pension Board member Bill Luthy.

#### Agenda

No additions, deletions or revisions.

#### Approval of Minutes

*A motion was made by Steve List to approve the June 25, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Lyle McKnight. Motion carried unanimously.*

#### Public Comment

No public comment.

#### Reports

##### Chief Report:

Fire Chief Randy Black reported on the following items:

- **104 Sheppard Drive:** DFPD closed on 104 Sheppard Drive. 9-R School District now owns it. All issues between DFPD and 9-R have been resolved.

- **Station 2:** The construction is on schedule. They will start pouring the slab on July 29. August 7 they'll start putting block up. A builders risk policy has been obtained.
- **La Plata County Historical Society:** Chief Black attended the Board meeting of the historical society on July 16 to explain that DFPD works off of the fire codes that the County of La Plata and the City of Durango have adopted. Therefore, the decisions made in building Station 2 are based off of the City's decision, not DFPD's.
- **4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks:** The fireworks went really well, thanks to the Fire Marshal and Wildfire Divisions. The ground was hosed down beforehand. There were still a few small fires. The City was very appreciative of DFPD's help and coordination.
- **Props 50 and 108:** Chief Black stated a resolution will be coming to ask for the Board's approval of letting the public know DFPD does not support these two props.
- **Fleet and Facilities:** This division is continuing to sell equipment/apparatus that is no longer needed. The GSA recently inspected 103 Sheppard Drive and found no deficits.
- **2025 Budget:** There will be an accurate look at 2025's revenue by August 25 of this year. October 15 is when the first draft of the 2025 budget will need to be presented to the Board.
- **Retiree Health Plan:** Options of a retiree health plan are being looked into, specifically the 115 Trust Plan. With this plan, employees will be able to contribute to the fund and, upon retirement, will help with health costs. There are currently many organizations looking into a type of plan such as this.
- **Strategic Plan:** The first draft of the plan has been edited by the original group who met to build it. The final draft will be presented to the Board in the Regular August Meeting.
- **360 Evaluations:** There has been some confusion with the way questions are worded in the survey, which is geared more toward corporate organizations, not fire departments. The results of the first round of evaluations should come out in the next 1-2 weeks.

#### Financial Report:

Finance Director Eric Baker presented the June 2024 Financial Report.

## New Business

- **Consideration and Possible Action on Resolution 2024-8: Adopting an Impact Fee Schedule.** Legal Counsel Bud Smith explained this resolution will allow DFPD to receive impact fees directly, instead of through the County or City. An impact fee cannot be collected until after a building permit has been obtained for the project. New legislation states that any building applications that have been and will be submitted before August 7, 2024 will not have to pay an impact fee. *A motion was made by Steve List to approve Resolution 2024-8: Adoption an Impact Fee Schedule, seconded by John Dezendorf. Motion carried unanimously.*
- **Consideration and Possible Action on an Amended Impact Fee IGA with City of Durango.** *A motion was made by Steve List to approve the amended Impact Fee IGA with the City of Durango, seconded by Lyle McKnight. Motion carried unanimously.*
- **Consideration and Possible Action on Terminating the Impact Fee IGAs with San Juan County and La Plata County.** *A motion was made by Steve List to approve the termination of the Impact Fee IGAs with both San Juan County and La Plata County, seconded by John Dezendorf. Motion carried unanimously.*

## Adjournment

President Karen Barger adjourned the meeting at 8:56 a.m.

By:         /s/ Karen Barger  
President

Attest:         /s/ Katie Pounds  
Administrative Assistant