

Minutes for the MVFCA meeting 09 June 2008

Present were

Bill Norris, Greg Dyer, Andy Abendschein, Bob Reed, Mike Stember, Anne Shelton, Randy Templeton

Absent was

Joan Blossom

1. Presentation from Mountain View Fire District

Randy Templeton from the Mountain View Fire District made a presentation about the current state of the district. He mentioned that MVFD's Mil Levy, at about 7 is significantly below that of the surrounding districts, which is about ~14.5.

The MVFD has an aging fleet. The 4 newest engines are about 10 years old and have approximately 80,000 miles of use, and must be replaced soon (approx \$1.5MM).

The station locations well behind the population growth curve of the area.

Staffing is about half of what the national standards require.

Station facilities are substandard, and do not reflect the shift from an all-volunteer system.

The district has received an energy impact grant, which should help replace the Dacono fire house.

Since 1991, inflation has eroded spending power by 53% - only population growth, of about 79% has allowed the fire district to continue to provide service. However, calls have more than doubled from 1993 to 2007.

There is a potential for ISO (insurance ratings group) savings for business and homeowners if the district is upgraded.

Overall system concurrency has increased to approximately 20%. Planned new facilities, including assisted living apartments in Erie will exacerbate the problem. Second or third concurrent calls may result in unavailable resources. More than 55% of MVFD's calls for service in 2006 had a response time of 6 minutes or longer (goal is <5min).

Envisioned Future:

- Would like to staff all of MVFD's stations 24x7.
- Lower average response time to 5 minutes.
- Three Firefighters minimum staffing (safety issue, today there are sometimes only two).

- Build new stations in population growth centers.
- Work on regional cooperation to increase service (Longmont, Boulder Rural, etc.).

The last two mil levy increases were voted down because voters weren't informed about what the money would be used for. The MVFD would like to inform the public of their plans.

The proposed increase for a \$300,000 home would amount to about \$9.87/month

Perhaps the MVFD could come to our Fall Festival to answer questions?

2. Property Manager's Report

Unfinished business

1. The pedestrian gate in the fence near the pumphouse was installed last week.
2. The fence rails near the mail house were repaired shortly after our last meeting.
3. CoCal has been ordered to remove the Russian Olive trees near the pond, but they haven't been removed yet.
4. The light bulb has been removed from the fixture at the mail house, which will be replaced shortly.
5. Steve Johnson of Johnson Paving has been notified about repairs that need to be made to certain areas where the seal coat has not adhered well. He responded that he would not be able to do those repairs until August. A certified letter has been sent to him indicating that we expect repairs to be undertaken.

3. Treasurer's Report

Nothing of significance to report

4. Architectural / Landscape Committee

The following have submitted proposals for review:

Bob and Candace McCarthy (1897 Blue Mtn. Road) have submitted a proposal to paint their house using a lighter color. This request was approved.

5. Public Relations / Welcoming Committee

We have a some new residents in our community that will be welcomed shortly.

6. Irrigation

1. Metron completed startup services on 14 May 2008
2. CoCal found several sprinkler heads that needed replacement
3. CoCal proposed cleaning, weed barriers and mulch in the islands
4. Is the transformer box in the pump house running too hot? Buzz believes that this transformer is running at its normal operating temperature.
5. Irrigation water was made available to The Elms and Meadow Vale Farm on 14 May 2008.
6. 80 acre feet of water were rented from St. Vrain & Left Hand Conservation District for \$32.50 per acre foot. $\$2600/2 = \1300 per subdivision

7. Common area sprinklers were turned ON on 15 May to prevent pond overflow, in the event of rain.
8. Sheet rock has been purchased to repair pump house ceiling (previously damaged when a new pump was installed).
9. Copper Sulfate has been purchased to reduce algae in the sump pump and in pumped water.
10. Need to cut a drainage path from north of the pond to the pond to prevent irrigation damage?
11. A sprinkler is leaking underground at the rear corner of 1774 MVR.
12. The waste ditch overflowed again behind 1774 MVR.
13. The Elms is interested, without making a specific proposal to have Buzz clean the Oligarchy grate where the ditch goes underground on WCR 26. This should not cost MVF anything, but our liability insurance could be affected.

7. Old/Unfinished Business

1. CoCal has been directed to remove the Russian Olive trees near the irrigation pond.
2. Lisa Black used the community tent 23-24 May. It was returned to a new storage location. Fred Albracht, at 2262 MVR has graciously agreed to store the tent in an outbuilding on his property.

8. New Business

1. Establish a budget for the Fall Festival. It was decided to authorize \$1500, which is the same amount that was authorized last year, although actual expenses only amounted to about \$900.00.
2. Dog Control – due to some reported incidents in the neighborhood, it has been decided to distribute information from the animal control board to residents with the next newsletter.
3. Recycling bins – Waste Management has been contacted, but they haven't yet returned our call for information.
4. SB1135, just signed into law by Governor Ritter has established a new requirement mandating that covenant violation hearings be adjudicated by an “impartial decision maker”. This law modifies most association's covenant enforcement policies limiting who may participate in enforcement hearings. Existing Board members are not disqualified from being impartial decision makers so long as they do not have an interest in the outcome of the hearing. Disqualifying situations may include situations in which a board member is a neighbor, or has a personal history with the person who is subject to enforcement. Both positive and negative history would disqualify the Director. To be an impartial decision maker, the board members should not have any interest, either personally or financially with the outcome of the violation hearing. Board members having the above conflicts should abstain from the proceedings.
5. Candace McCarthy has volunteered to complete a board vacancy until May 2010.

These minutes were recorded by Andy Abendschein, Secretary.