



Loveland Fire Rescue Authority Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 31, 2019
410 E. 5th Street, Loveland
12:30 p.m.

Members Present:

Chairman Jeff Swanty, Director of the Loveland Rural Fire Protection District ("Rural District")
Director Dave Legits, Rural District President
Vice Chairman John Fogle, City of Loveland Council Member
Director Richard Ball, City of Loveland Council Member

Members Absent:

Director Steve Adams, Loveland City Manager

Staff Present:

Mark Miller, Fire Chief
Emily Powell, Legal Counsel to the Authority
Greg Ward, Division Chief
Ned Sparks, Division Chief
Michael Cerovski, Division Chief
Kristen Cummings, Business Services Coordinator
Andrea Wright, Human Resources Manager
Cheryl Cabaruvias, Administrative Analyst
Rick Davis, Battalion Chief
Carie Dann, Battalion Chief
Alex Klinger, Fire Engineer
Craig Willard, Fire Lieutenant
Nick Bukowski, Fire Lieutenant
Gina Gonzales, Fire Engineer
Max Meeks, Firefighter
Devin Laughlin, Firefighter
Paul Brown, Firefighter
Derek Guard, Firefighter
Tyler Chesher, Fire Engineer
Dan Engelhardt, Fire Lieutenant

Visitors:

Jacki Marsh, Mayor, City of Loveland
Valerie Cerovski
Quinton Cerovski

Oliver Cerovski
Jeanette Chesher
Jake Chesher
Maddie Chesher
Other Community Members (Names Unknown)

Call to Order:

Chairman Swanty called the Loveland Fire Rescue Authority ("LFRA") Board meeting to order on the above date at 12:48 p.m.

1. Executive Session Pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(f) to Discuss Personnel Matters to Include the Quarterly Review, Evaluation and Discussion Regarding the Performance of the Fire Chief

Motion made to go into executive session by Vice Chairman Fogle. Seconded by Director Ball; motion carried unanimously. Executive session began at 12:48 p.m.

Motion to come out of executive session made by Vice Chairman Fogle. Seconded by Director Legits; motion carried unanimously. Executive session ended at 1:30 p.m.

Approval or Amendment of Agenda:

No amendments made to the agenda.

Awards and Presentation:

Windsor Severance Fire Rescue gave a plaque of recognition and appreciation to LFRA for helping with a difficult trench rescue incident.

Chief Miller recognized Division Chief Cerovski for receiving his Executive Fire Officer certificate, which took four years to obtain from the National Fire Academy.

A badge pinning ceremony was held to promote Tyler Chesher from Firefighter to Engineer.

Fire Engineer Alex Klinger recently returned from a six-month deployment with the Wyoming National Guard to Qatar as a flight medic. He presented Chief Miller and LFRA with a flag that was flown during operations.

Public Comment:

Lieutenants Bukowski and Willard addressed the Board on behalf of the LFRA Retirement Committee. They apologized for not having representation at the previous meeting at which the sworn firefighter pension fund was discussed. They stated that several members of LFRA have expressed interest in switching from a defined contribution to a defined benefit retirement plan due to stock market volatility. Lt. Willard stated that if the Authority switched to a defined benefit plan, current members would have the option of staying in the defined contribution plan or moving to the defined contribution plan, and future employees would be enrolled in the defined benefit plan. In the beginning, the new plan would probably save LFRA money, but over time it would eventually cost more.

Chief Swanty thanked the firefighters in attendance for their service.

Consent Agenda:

- 2. Consider a Motion to Approve the Minutes from the June 26, 2019 Loveland Fire Rescue Authority Regular Board Meeting**
- 3. Consider a Motion to Approve the 2019-2020 Colorado Special Districts Property and Liability Pool Repayment Agreement Regarding the Voluntary Cancer Program**
- 4. Consider a Motion to Approve the Revised Resolution R-90 for LFRA Retiree Medical Benefits**

Motion made by Vice Chairman Fogle to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Director Ball; motion carried unanimously.

Regular Agenda:

5. Information about 2018 International Fire Code (“IFC”) Amendments

Battalion Chief Dann presented the 2018 IFC local amendments that are being proposed for adoption. No amendments were adopted when the 2015 IFC Fire Code was approved. In addition to the LFRA Board adopting the 2018 IFC with local amendments, City Council, Larimer County and Johnstown also have to adopt them.

Motion by Vice Chairman Fogle to adopt the 2018 IFC with Local Amendments, as presented. Seconded by Director Ball; motion carried unanimously.

6. Updates on Fire Stations 3, 5 and 10

Chief Miller stated that the City of Loveland is considering placing on the November ballot a measure that would include voter approval for \$9 million in new sales tax revenue to rebuild Station 3 and add an addition to Station 5. Relocation of Station 3 would not be covered by the ballot measure. The FRAC Study from 2018 will be used to determine the best location for that station.

Chief Miller stated that there are ongoing finance discussion for Station 10 occurring with LETA and Larimer County. Thompson Valley EMS is not interested in having a station at that location. The property owner is considering allowing a sign to be posted on the lot before the deed is transferred.

7. Discussion Regarding the Fair Campaign Practices Act (“FCPA”) with Regards to the City of Loveland's Potential November Ballot Measure

Attorney Powell advised the Board regarding the requirements and limitations of the Fair Campaign Practices Act in connection with the City's proposed November ballot measure. Attorney Powell advised that the Board may pass a resolution of advocacy, but that it is limited in how it can be distributed. The Board also can develop a “Factual Summary” that includes both pros and cons of the measure, and can be distributed however the Authority sees fit. Attorney

Powell will provide the Authority with a one-page handout about the FCPA for personnel. Director Ball stated that he prefers the Authority use a Factual Summary. Attorney Miller will work with Attorney Powell to prepare the Factual Summary for consideration at the August Board meeting.

8. Chief's Report

Chief Miller stated that the 18 newly-hired firefighters began their academy on July 29th, 2019. He thanked the Board for supporting the effort. On October 12th there will be a badge pinning ceremony at Mountain View High School for the 18 new hires and all who are being promoted. He invited the Board to attend.

9. Other Business for Board Consideration

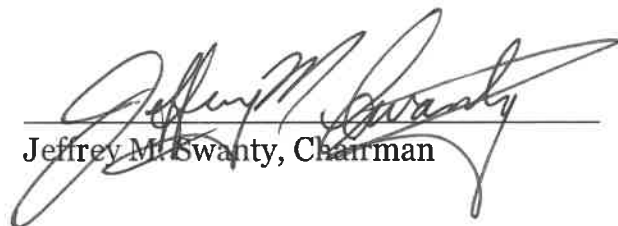
None

10. Executive Session, if Needed

No executive session.

With no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Swanty adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

The foregoing minutes, having been approved by the LFRA Board of Directors, constitute the official minutes of the meeting held on the date stated above.



Jeffrey M. Swanty, Chairman



Kristen Cummings, Secretary