

Campton-Thornton Fire Commission Meeting Minutes January 14, 2009

Meeting called to order by Niles Downing at 1715 hrs.

Present at meeting- Commissioners Niles Downing, Jim Demeritt, Dick Giehl. Dan Morel at 1730.

From Fire Department- Chief David Tobine, Deputy Chief Ian Halm

Review and signing of manifests

Reading of the Minutes of Dec. 10, 2008. Approved as read.

Old Business: The purchase of the utility vehicle was discussed. The vehicle agreed upon by the Chief and Commissioners had been sold before it could be secured. The Chief was able to locate another similar vehicle for the same price from a Littleton dealer and purchased it. It was the same year, make, model and price, but with higher mileage. All Commissioners present supported the purchase.

The ruling on the eligibility of a commission member being on an advisory budget committee was discussed and accepted. A legal opinion from Walter Mitchell , of Mitchell Municipal Group, P.A. found no violation in this instance.

Chief Tobine would like to encumber \$7,904.00 as the Departments 5% share of the \$61,000 +/- grant received for various equipment purchases and for the costs of the necessary accessories for the hydraulic rescue tools that were beyond the grant. The request was approved.

The Commission discussed the unexpended balance from the 2008 budget. The most significant positive line balances were due to the unpredictability of projecting costs in overtime, insurance and retirement. The commission considered it a fortunate downside of trying to anticipate expenditures.

New Business : There is another Budget Committee meeting at the Fire Station on Tuesday Jan. 20, 2009 at 1830 hrs. A COLA of between 2.5% and 3% was mentioned by Jim.

Niles inquired as to the status of the agreement update between the towns of Campton, Thornton, and Ellsworth. Chief Tobine did not believe there were any changes to it and it still had to be signed by the Ellsworth BOS. It was requested that a copy be provided to each of the Commissioners when available.

There was a request by a Commissioner to change the time of the CTFC meetings to 1600 hrs. in the future. No one present had a problem with that, so **meetings will be at 1600 hrs.**

No further business. Meeting adjourned at 1747 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

Niles Downing, Secretary

