

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting Minutes of the Estes Valley Fire Protection District

April 7, 2011 7:00 p.m.

Dannels Fire Station, 901 N. St. Vrain Ave., Estes Park, CO 80517

Board: President Sue Doylen, Vice President Frank Theis, Bob Cheney, Jack Rumley

Staff: Chief Scott Dorman, Training Captain Rosenquist, Secretary Bowser

Also Attending: Will Birchfield, Jim Austin

Absent: Treasurer Bud Duryea

The following minutes reflect the order of the agenda and not necessarily the chronological sequence of the meeting.

President Sue Doylen called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Chief Dorman led the Pledge of Allegiance

Secretary Bowser performed roll call- Treasurer Duryea absent (excused)

PUBLIC COMMENT / BOARD COMMENT

Public comment: None

Board comment: Vice President Theis requested clarification on Larimer County fire restrictions. Chief Dorman confirmed both Larimer County and Estes Park are currently under fire restrictions.

President Doylen extended thanks to Mr. Austin and Mr. Birchfield for attending the public information meeting regarding the fire code adoption. (No other public attendees)

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Dorman presented educational information regarding the 2009 International Fire Code (IFC) adoption with amendments. He explained the fire code is a proactive, preventative code and reviewed history of fires that created fire and life safety codes. He also discussed current building codes in the Town of Estes Park & Larimer County, sprinkler systems, education process and reasons (including pros and cons) for adoption in Estes Park. He then reviewed a map of Colorado communities similar to Estes Park that have fire codes and confirmed Estes Park is the largest community in the state that does not currently have a fire code.

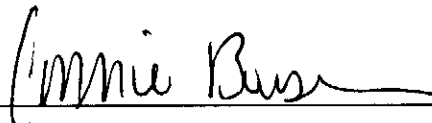
Chief Dorman and CBO Will Birchfield answered questions regarding the International Building Code (IBC) as related to IFC and the International Existing Building Code. CBO Birchfield confirmed the Town of Estes Park is currently in the process of adopting the 2009 IBC. He further explained that the fire code is a preventative and maintenance code and both Building and Fire Department inspection processes would be well defined.

Chief Dorman provided handouts of the proposed amendments to Board Members and the public. He reviewed the local amendment recommendations including section, description, proposed amendment and justification of proposal. In response to Jim Austin's questions, Chief Dorman clarified fire personnel authority, fire marshal enforcement authority, importance of community education and Town ratification of IFC after adoption by the EVFPD. Chief Dorman also confirmed the ISO rating for the community would be positively affected by adoption of the fire code; it would be considered an investment in the safety of the community.

Board Members, Chief Dorman and CBO Will Birchfield discussed future fire marshal responsibilities, Board of Appeals (EVFPD Board of Directors), CWPP, life safety, exiting, fire alarms and occupancy classification comparisons.

Next Board Meeting (EVFPD Pension Board & EVFPD Board of Directors) scheduled for Wednesday, April 20, 2011 at 3:45 p.m. at the Dannels Fire Station.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.



Connie Bowser, Recording Secretary