

## Berthoud Fire Protection District Meeting Minutes

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**Meeting Subject:**

Board of Directors

**Location:**

District Office  
275 Mountain Ave., Berthoud

**Meeting Organizer / Contact Number:**

Debra Graves (970) 532 – 2264

**Date:**

05/15/2018

**Time:**

6:08 p.m.

### Agenda Items

**Call to Order**

Dan Hershman, President called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Dan Hershman, President – Michael Cook, Vice President – Gary Maggi, Secretary  
Eric Ryplewski, Director – David Shipley, Director

**Others Present:**

Stephen Charles, President – Paul Rimsky

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Review of the Agenda**

Agenda, with the addition of the "Oath of Office" for Dan Hershman, Mike Cook and Eric Ryplewski, was approved following a motion by Director Shipley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Maggi.

**Public Comment**

No Public Comment

**Consent Calendar**

Approval of the April 2018 meeting minutes.  
April Financials

Consent Calendar, to include April 2018 meeting minutes and April financial reports, was approved following a motion by Vice President Cook, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Shipley.

## Personnel

No Personnel Issues / Reports

## Board of Director Action

**Oath of Office:** President Dan Hershman, Vice President Michael Cook and Director Eric Ryplewski were subscribed and sworn into office by reading and signing the "Oath of Office." President Dan Hershman acknowledged Vice President Michael Cook's and Director Eric Ryplewski's "Oath of Office" with his signature. Secretary Gary Maggi, a Notary Public, acknowledged President Dan Hershman's "Oath of Office" with his signature.

## Communications from Staff

Debra Graves, Finance Director/Human Resource Manager - No Report

May Soricelli, Public Information Officer/Project Manager

### Activity Update:

- Young Women's Fire Academy / Aims CC Windsor Campus / Monday, July 16<sup>th</sup> thru Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup>
- Young Men's Fire Academy / Aims CC Windsor Academy / Monday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> thru Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup>
- Berthoud Day / Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>
- "Care Takers of Tradition" DBA: Berthoud Hose Company # 1. District will assist with 501c3 fees at a cost of \$845.00 and insurance. The 501c3 application has been filed with the State of Colorado.

**Note:** The above activity report was presented by Chief Charles

Mike Bruner, Fire Bureau Chief

**2018 International Fire Code (IFC):** District Fire Marshal, Mike Bruner, presented the 2018 IFC with amendments to the Town of Berthoud Board of Trustees for the 1<sup>st</sup> reading on Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. Adoption of the 2018 IFC by ordinance by the Town of Berthoud is schedule for Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Note:** The above 2018 International Fire Code report was presented by Chief Charles

Rob Stumpf, Operations Chief

**Apparatus Update Repairs / Maintenance:** Engine 1, Engine 11 and Truck 1 are out of service for maintenance and repairs.

**Operations & Station 3 Update:** None

**Colorado Special District (CSD) Pool / Colorado Heart Fund (CHF) Grants:**  
Budgeted funds and grant funds from the CSD Pool and CHF will be used for firefighter physicals.

**Note: The above activity report was presented by Chief Charles.  
Stephen Charles, Fire Chief**

**Impact Fees:** A presentation to the Town of Berthoud Board of Trustees, regarding the District's "Impact Fees," was facilitated by Chief Charles on May 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. District counsel John Chmil and Public Information Officer May Soricelli were present. Through a Board of Trustee action, "Impact Fees" as adopted by the District were approved to be effective Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Chief Charles provided the Board of Directors via email a copy of a Town of Berthoud notice to developers that "Impact Fees" will be imposed on new development to include; "any development which has received Final Plate (i.e. the lots have been platted and recorded) or Site Plan approved by the Town." Dan Hershman expressed concerns regarding the wording of the public notice. President Hershman asked Chief Charles to contact our legal counsel for a clearer interpretation.

**Property for Station 3:** The Town of Berthoud is open to the construction of a 3<sup>rd</sup> station at the waste water treatment plant on Weld County Rd. 44 east of 125. Electrical service is available on the north side of Weld County Rd. 44. An intergovernmental agreement between the Town of Berthoud and the District outlining provisions is being drafted.

Vice President Michael Cook stated that he had spoken with Chief Charles and asked if he was opposed to Vice President Cook contacting the owners of an existing metal building on the south side of Weld County Rd. 44 in the same vicinity. Chief Charles agreed, Vice President Cook telephone a contact regarding the property in question and is waiting for a returned telephone call.

#### **Gallagher Amendment Update:**

1982 Gallagher Amendment passed 65.5% to 34.5% property tax assessed 45% residential with an adjustable "Residential Assessment Rate" (RAR) 55% commercial with a fixed "Commercial Assessment Rate" of 55%. The RAR was lowered to 7.96% in 2004 and 7.2% in 2016. Residential growth has been exponential in comparison with commercial growth therefore lowering the RAR to 7.2%. Division of Local Affairs (DOLA) predicts that the RAR will be reduced to 6.11% (a 15% reduction) during the 2019 legislative session.

1992 Tabor Amendment passed 53.7% to 46.3% with the sole purpose limiting the increase of property tax to a popular vote.

Amendment 32 proposed to set the RAR at 8% failed 77.6% to 22.4%

On Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at the Colorado State Fire Chief's "Fire Service Critical Issues Briefing" in Colorado Springs it was announced that late bill status was granted and the RAR extension language had been drafted. On Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> we were informed that there would be no late bill for the extension of the RAR.

"Unfortunately, the 2018 General Assembly decided to do nothing substantive about the negative synergy between Gallagher & Tabor and the resulting drastic revenue reduction on the majority of Colorado's fire departments."

Garry Briese, Executive Director  
Colorado State Fire Chief's

The issue must be resolved at the local level; if a fire department has a successful de-Gallagherizing election in November 2018, the fire department will be allowed to adjust its property tax rate (mill levy) to capture tax revenue it would otherwise lose if the Colorado Legislature reduces the RAR.

**Town of Mead / Town of Berthoud:** Briefly discuss comprehensive service plan and intergovernmental agreement.

**Training:** Attended a two (2) day class titled "Implementing Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) Using ISO 31000" and a two (2) day class titled "Disaster Cost Recovery."

### Communication from Board of Directors / Open Discussion


### Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 following a motion by Vice President Michael Cook, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Eric Rylewski.

**Signature Page:**

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Dan Hershman  
President

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Michael Cook  
Vice President

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Gary Maqqi  
Secretary

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Eric Rypkowski  
Director

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David Shipley  
Director