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GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Mike Edgington & Briana Sullivan, Co-Chair
Jennifer Wingard, Amanda Sassi.

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MOA/GBOS Quarterly Meeting **April 26, 2021** **Minutes Final** **4:00 p.m. Via Teams Teleconference**

Due to the COVID-19 virus GBOS meetings are held virtually and telephonic.

Call to Order 4:15 p.m. Mike Edgington, GBOS Co-Chair
GBOS Attending are: Mike Edgington (ME), Briana Sullivan (BS), Jennifer Wingard (JW), Amanda Sassi (AS)
MOA attending are: Municipal Manager, Anna Henderson; Richard Degenhardt, Deputy Risk Manager; Jack Frost, Code Enforcement; Jodie Hetrick, AFD Chief; Shelley Rowton, HLB
GVSA staff: Kyle Kelley, Margaret Tyler
Public: Kalie Harrison

Agenda Revisions and Approval

April 26, 2021 MOA/GBOS Quarterly Meeting Agenda Approved BS/JW 4-0

Agenda:

- 1) Discuss status of contract negotiations with Anchorage Fire Department and Girdwood Fire and Rescue (GFR) Negotiations between AFD and GFR regarding new contract are reaching conclusion and a new contract is expected to be signed May 1. Fire Service within GVSA is the responsibility of the Girdwood service area; EMS service Areawide including GVSA is responsibility of Areawide taxes. AFD and GFR agree to increase of \$300,000 to existing \$207,500 for EMS service. This has been forwarded to MOA for approval in 2021 for 1Q revisions, however it was scaled back to amortize for pre-contract renewal to \$175,000. Assembly members Weddleton and LaFrance support full funding. Municipal Manager Anna Henderson confirms that the administration will stick with proposed \$175,000 increase. Assembly meeting is TUE 4.27.21.
- 2) Recommended changes to Girdwood Secure Trash Regulation Zone Changes proposed by Girdwood Bear Aware are reviewed by Jack Frost, Code Enforcement. He is working on other changes to trash regulations as well and will include these in his proposal to the Assembly. Draft for GBOS to review and recommend will come from Code Enforcement.

3) Hand Tram Status summer 2021

Hand tram has been closed since 2019 incidents. Safety improvements have been designed and management plan created. Sticking points remain qualified, insured inspection and maintenance and insurance.

Issue is use beyond the capacity the hand tram was intended for. Trail improvements have changed Winner Creek Trail from Class 1 and 2 trail to Class 3. This has made the area more accessible to many hikers and the tram itself has become an attraction, with people hiking in and back just to use the tram.

Hand tram is a non-motorized conveyance device. It has been inspected annually through 2019, now there are no local inspectors, maintenance providers to provide this service. GVSA has initiated a trail/bridge study to determine feasibility of a bridge to replace the hand tram. Current plan is to remove the cart from the cables this spring when summer staff is in place and to lock it so that is it not subject to unauthorized use.

Risk Manager states that they can look into General Liability Insurance for the hand tram, based on parameters to request. Anchorage self-insures to \$3M and then liability insurance kicks in. Citing community interest in opening the hand tram, GBOS requests that Risk Manager receive a quote for coverage with no self-insurance funds available from the service area. Cost of insurance coverage would be paid by the GVSA.

Public Comment:

Mike Edgington thanks AFD Chief Jodie Hetrick for great career and service.

Adjourn 4:45PM