

lines were announced by the CDC, the recommended isopropyl alcohol for cleaning stations and equipment became difficult to find. Bradley thanked Walmart and 3 Hundred Days of Shine in Monument, Woody Creek Distillery of Basalt, The Family Jones Distillery of Loveland, the OEM and Rich Heaverlo from the El Paso County Hazmat Team for isopropyl alcohol, and Kohls for providing extra N-95 masks. He said a huge amount of horse trading with neighboring fire departments helped to maintain PPE stocks and gave thanks to paramedic Jenny Catanach, who recognized in early March a potential supply issue and ordered PPE before the supply chain dried up.

Financial report

Treasurer Jason Buckingham updated the board on expenses from January through March as follows:

- The first wave of property taxes received in March totaled \$3.71 million, which represents 40.7% of the budget with the projected revenue of \$9.12 million.
- Specific Ownership Taxes (SOT) received were \$260,179 and 4.7% above the predicted amount.
- Impact fees received were \$25,641—below average by 7.9%.
- Ambulance revenues were \$234,384—above the expected amount by 4.3%.

Buckingham said that SOT and ambulance revenues are staying ahead of the predicted budget numbers for the year. Overall revenues for March were 37.4% of the projected budget. "Overall revenues are slightly above budget projection due to the first installment of property taxes, and expenses are slightly below expectation, and that's the right where we want to be," said Buck-

ingham.

Truty said it is likely that revenue for SOT and ambulance revenues will decrease significantly next month due to the economic decline, and a postponement of the remodel at Station 1 may be necessary for a few months.

Grant declined

Truty informed the board that TLMFPD had received an unsolicited Coronavirus, Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act deposit of \$12,700 from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHSS). The amount was based on the number of TLMFPD Medicare patient transports in 2019. If the DHSS grant were to be accepted, TLMFPD would have to agree to not "balance bill" COVID-19 patients. Balance billing is our process of billing a patient for the remaining balance after we receive payment from the patient's primary insurance carrier, and it can amount to about 10-20% of the total bill, said Truty.

Director of Administration Jennifer Martin said out of 11 presumptive COVID-19 patients transported since Feb. 1, only two would have qualified for balance billing since the remaining nine were over age 65 and balance billing does not apply to those patients. Martin confirmed that after transporting another 10-20 patients, the district would be losing more revenue than what was gained from the grant. Hildebrandt said that since the confirmation of the start and end date for the grant could not be determined, and the end of the disaster declaration for COVID-19 had not yet been made, the board should consider declining the grant.

The board moved to decline the unsolicited CARES Act Grant, 6-0-1

with Buckingham abstaining.

Investment policy moves forward

Truty asked the board to approve Investment Policy 218, which authorizes the TLMFPD board to provide

improved returns and improved stewardship of public funds. Truty stated that district attorney Maureen Juran, of Widner & Juran LLP, had reviewed and legally vetted the updated policy, which had been greatly simplified from

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