

Crystal Park Metropolitan District
Budget Message
For 2012

The Crystal Park Metropolitan District operates on a cash basis method of accounting.

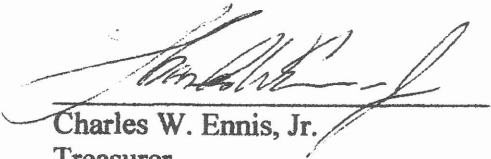
The basic function of the District is to provide fire protection. This is done through the Crystal Park Volunteer Fire Department, which was created and exists under the auspices of the District, and through an Automatic Aid Agreement with the City of Manitou Springs. The District pays for the continuing costs of the Fire Department, including such costs as Workers Compensation insurance, liability, equipment and vehicle insurance, radio licensing and maintenance fees, and costs associated with the Use Agreement for the building that houses the Fire Department. The District and Fire Department will continue to apply for governmental and private sector grants, and continue to raise money through donations and fundraising activities – any expenditures using such revenues will be contingent upon the realization of the revenue. All these are reflected in the District's 2012 Budget.

The Crystal Park Homeowners Association (CPHOA) provides funds to the District for vehicle insurance on two shared-use vehicles that are insured by the District. For 2010 Budget, it should be noted that there are amounts reflecting funds provided by the CPHOA for the final lease buyout payments for the various pieces of heavy equipment used for road maintenance that had been leased through the District.

An additional function of the District is to ensure that street, house number and water storage and supply signs are provided so that emergency responders can find affected locations. This is an ongoing task, which will continue.

Taxation – The District has been funded through property taxes since 1997. As provided for in the election of May 2, 2000, the tax levy of 4.192 mills will continue unchanged for 2012. Tax revenues for 2012 will be reduced due to reduced valuations.

For 2012, it should be noted that a large capital outlay has been budgeted for the possible purchase of an additional used Tender – a fire-fighting vehicle that will be used to transport approx. 2000 gallons of water to the scene of a fire. The funds have been accumulated through reduced capital outlays over the past several years. An additional Tender is required to address water delivery capabilities within the District. Adequate water delivery to a fire location is currently the District's predominant fire protection bottleneck.



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