

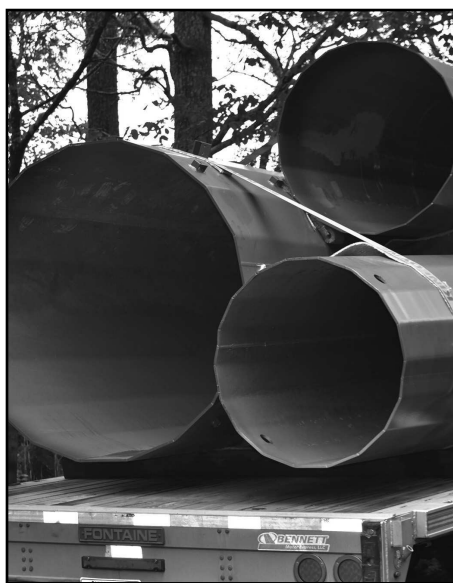
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Installation on the cell phone tower on Spindrift Way required that crews dig a 36-by-36-foot hole for the base, which was then filled with 37 cubic yards of concrete. The tower stands 140 feet tall, and the base will act as ballast to hold it in place.

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geographical or weather conditions; reflection and absorption of radio energy by buildings and vegetation; directional characteristics of the antenna array; and

the uplink/downlink data rate of the consumers device

Fain detailed why Verizon looked to put a tower on their property.

"They selected this site because they had a giant hole in their service area and they were looking for the right spot to put a tower to fill that hole," she said. "This tower will extend their coverage area down to about Sea Lions Cave."

Thursday's installation of the new tower on Spindrift Way required the preparation and placement of a strong foundation to hold up the tons of metal that now arch skyward.

"We get a lot of wind in this canyon, as it comes directly off the ocean," Olson said. "The tower needs to be really sturdy. I'm sure their engineers and designers have taken that all into consideration when figuring out what is required to make this work."

Chris Allhands is one of the owners of M&A Construction, the company that is doing the site preparation and coordinating the installation of the tower, and he described the steps taken to assure the stability of the new structure.

"This was a fairly large project. It's got an impressive retaining

wall and it's got a footing beneath the retaining wall with a bunch of rebar in it. The hole we dug to anchor the tower was 36 by 36 feet, with 37 cubic yards of concrete and 22,000 pounds of rebar added," he said. "That's what the tower will sit on and the massive base will act as a giant ballast to hold the tower in place."

The new Verizon cell tower still needs to be connected to the region's electrical system and a number of tests and adjustments will have to be undertaken before the cell site is completely operational, but those tasks should be completed within the next month.

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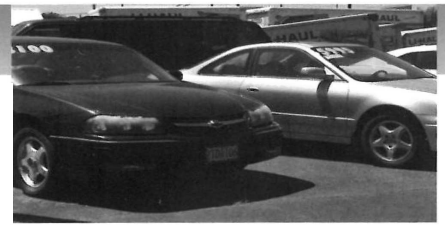
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Severance then said that other employees and volunteers in the districts were intimidated by the anger directed at Langborg and were not willing to share their support for fear of retribution.

"It's sad that people feel intimidated by the hostile behavior of a few and feel unable to express their satisfaction with the leadership of SVFR and WLAD," she said.

Severance's comments were met with a simple thank you from WLAD Director Rick Yecny, who was chairing the meeting, and the group moved to the next item on the agenda.

Next, SVFR/WLAD Office Manager Dina McClure presented an updated financial report to the directors. She emphasized in her report the nature of the financial shortfall that rocked the SVFR board meeting last week.

"The situation with SVFR is not a cash shortage but a cash flow issue," McClure said.

McClure then directed the attention of the directors to the updated financial information that she and retired CPA Kathy Taylor had compiled to answer questions from the directors, and the public, that have arisen since the revelation of a looming financial shortfall for the SVFR district surfaced last week.

These figures show that recently received reimbursements for fire support missions and equipment purchases, coupled with expected tax receipts, may

negate the need for the district to borrow money to meet its financial obligations.

The total owed to SVFR as of June 30 was \$432,756, with reimbursements of \$297,240 recently received — and \$179,521 in process of being collected.

The updated information provided by McClure was accepted after a couple of brief questions were answered with the assistance of Taylor.

McClure also pointed out the financials from WLAD were positive and no shortfall was expected for the ambulance district.

Directors Ron Greene, from SVFR, and Larry Farnsworth, from WLAD, both spoke positively of the work McClure had done in compiling the information presented and expressed confidence in her ability moving forward.

The next portion of the meeting addressed the IGA shared between SVFR and WLAD.

A working group of members from both boards have created a charter that outlines the process that will be used to evaluate the effectiveness of the IGA and to determine the future of the agreement.

"We've met a couple of times and we've come back with a proposed charter," Yecny said. "A charter is kind of like a mission statement. What are we here for and what's our purpose ... so our hope is that this will guide the work we do on this committee in regard to the IGA."

According to the text from

the charter, the IGA Review Committee's purpose is to review and measure the effectiveness of IGAs between the two districts and to make recommendations for improving such agreements.

Under the charter, the committee intends to:

1. Create guidelines for measuring IGA effectiveness.
2. Review actual performance and compare to guidelines to ensure IGAs are performing efficiently and as intended.
3. Provide a forum for creating suggested improvements for IGAs.
4. Develop a succession plan and job description for Chief/Director for sponsoring board's approval.
5. Facilitate job performance review of Chief/Director by utilizing and compiling direct input from member of both sponsoring boards.
6. Develop a contingency plan in the event that the IGA is terminated.
7. Perform such other functions as may be delegated by either or both sponsoring organizations.
8. Communicate committee activity, IGA effectiveness and recommendations for improvements back to both sponsoring boards.

The proposed charter had been circulated prior to its introduction to the joint boards, so board members held little discussion. The motion to accept the charter was seconded and passed unanimously.



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