

Mohave Valley Fire Department  
February 20, 2019

## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Meeting called to order** by Chair Christy @ 5:00pm, Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll call** – Chair Christy, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Watson and Mr. Ward. MR. Evans is absent. There is a quorum.

**Agenda approval** – Request to move item K to after A and L after Minutes. Mr. Ward made motion to accept agenda as changed and Ms. Watson seconded. Motion carried

**Minutes** - Mr. Ward made motion to approve Minutes from January 16, 2019 and Ms. Watson seconded. Motion carried.

**Mohave County Correspondence** - Regarding Correspondence from Mohave County. Ms. Christy wanted clarification from Fire Chief Martin. This was from Transwestern Pipeline seeking \$66,403.01 from our Fire District. This is still in litigation, but the County wanted to give us a heads' up to prepare.

**Call to the Public** – None

**Monthly Bills & Financials**– Mr. Ward made motion to approve the bills and monthly financials for January 2019 and Mr. Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

## **BOARD BUSINESS PUBLIC SESSION**

**Audit** - Jay Parke from Armstrong & Walker came and presented our Audit from June 30, 2018 to our Board.

**A/C Replacement for Station 84** - Engineer Rodriguez gave an update to the Board about acquiring an A/C System at Station 84. Engineer Rodriguez recommended the bid from River Valley which is the A/C Unit 18 SEER Rating. Mr. Ward made motion to move forward and replace the A/C Unit at Station 84 from River Valley Air with purchasing option 3 as recommended. Ms. Watson seconded motion. Motion carried.

**Board Organization** – The regular monthly meetings are confirmed to be the third Wednesday of each month at 5:00 pm and the official posting is in the bulletin board in front of Station 81, located at 141 Willow Drive, Mohave Valley, AZ. Ms. Watson made motion as recommended and Mr. Ward seconded. Motion carried.

**FMIT Tribal Contract** - Chief Harmon gave an update on his last meeting with the Tribe; which was last week. As representing the District, he asked for \$213,451.35 from FMIT. They will not give us the amount requested, but they did increase the amount to \$186,913.68 as of last October, 2018. Chief Harmon will be asking for a multi-year contract starting at the amount of \$213,451.35 and ending at \$480,665 at the end of this five year projection. Chief Harmon recommended to accept this amount of \$186,913.68 and push for the multi-year contract. Chief Harmon will be explaining to the Tribe that their ISO rating is at a 5 because Station 82 was open when the rating was completed. There is a good chance their rating would go up to an ISO rating of a 10 if we do not receive enough funds to open Station 82. We are trying to show them the savings on insurance if they provide to open Station 82. This would be a 22.5% increase every year for the five years. Mr. Ward made motion to accept \$186,913.86 and pursue the 5 year multi-year contract as recommended by Chiefs Harmon & Martin. Ms. Watson seconded motion. There were three yays and Ms. Christy, Nay. Motion carried.

**PSPRS Pension Board Chair** – Ms. Watson made motion to make Mr. Ward as Chair, Mr. Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

**Chase Signature change** - Resolution to change signatures Mr. Ward made motion to have as a Resolution to remove Mr. Lane and Mr. Morabito from all of Mohave Valley Fire District banking accounts and add Ms. Watson and Mr. Campbell. Ms. Watson seconded. Motion carried.

**ASRS 457 Plan** - Ms. Christy made motion to accept the ASRS 457 Plan and Mr. Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

**2020 Strategic Plan & Budget Calendar** – Ms. Christy make motion to charge Administration to start the preparations for the budget and strategic plans for 2020. Mr. Ward seconded. Motion carried.

**Conflict of Interest** – All Board members were given a MVFD Conflict of Interest Statement for them to sign. These were given along with the information from the Board by Laws discussing what this statement represented. Each Board Member was given a current copy of the Board By Laws.

**Purchase of Ambulance** – Fire Chief Martin had provided several bids for the purchase of an ambulance. He discussed the bids presented and answered questions from the Board. Mr. Ward made motion to approve purchase of ambulance and Stryker system in the amount of \$254,918.13. Ms. Watson seconded motion. Motion carried.

**Fire Marshall** gave his Administration reports. In dealing with the Freeman Building, he will not budge with anything less than 4800 gallons per minute. Their well is down and cannot supply their sprinkler system. They are on a 24-hour fire watch program until the sprinkler system is fixed. Fire Prevention is still moving forward on our fuel mitigation grants. He will submit the final report and has already submitted the reimbursement report.

**Fire Chief Martin** gave his update. Today we finished our annual physicals and this is something that we provide. The Firefighter Union had a spaghetti dinner which ended up being very successful. The Union plans on having a carwash to benefit the Paggett family in the near future.

**Division Chief Harmon** - There were 124 calls for January. We are transferring from Zoll to the ImageTrend Program for tracking our EMS Revenue. We were not awarded the VFA Grant so we will have to purchase a couple of mobile radios for the Widland program.

**Captain McShea** – explained to the Board about the billing for our EMS runs and the software that has been purchased to achieve our goal of revenue of \$600,000 for calendar year 2019.

Ms. Watson made motion to adjourn at 7:00 pm and Mr. Ward seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Rhonda Letcher, Financial Specialist.