**Mohave Valley Fire Department**

**February 21, 2018**

**BOARD MEETING** **MINUTES**

**Meeting called to order** by Board Chair Jason Evans @ 15:00, Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll call** – Chair Evans, Mrs. Christy, Mr. Ward, Clerk Morabito and Mr. Lane. There is a quorum.

**Agenda approval** – Mrs. Christy made motion to approve agenda and Mr. Ward seconded motion. Motion carried.

**Call to the Public** - None

**Minutes Approval** – Mr. Ward made motion and Mr. Morabito seconded approval of Minutes of January 16th, 2018. Motion carried.

**Bills and Financials Approval** – Mrs. Christy made motion and Mr. Ward seconded approval of Financials from July 2017 - January 2018 Financials. Motion carried to approve both.

**BOARD BUSINESS PUBLIC SESSION**

**Budget** – Division Chief Harmon updated the Board on some of the financial changes for the budget for year 2018-2019. The Assessed value of our District went from $52,500,501 to $54,762,974. The difference is 2,262,472 increase or 4.31%. PSPRS will experience a 1% decrease in Tier 2 guys; Tier 1 will stay the same. ASRS will increase from 11.5 to 11.8 for Office Staff. We are looking at opening up Station 82. Our projected payroll will be 1.85 million and that is including having 82 opened up. As far as healthcare, we spoke with our Insurance broker and it looks like the medical/dental costs will increase 15 to 18%. That is the same increase we experienced last year. We are in the process of looking at different options because of these large increases.

**Safe Deposit Box** – Mrs. Christy made motion that Bank Box be purchased and kept at Station 81. Motion not carried. Mr. Morabito made motion to purchase a floor mounted safe - Mr. Ward seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Morabito made motion to go to Executive session and Mr. Ward seconded.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

Mr. Ward made motion to move meeting back in to Public Session and Mr. Morabito seconded motion. Motion carried.

Mrs. Christy made motion to direct Chair to contact Human Resources to provide a new Evaluation Tool and get to Board for next month. Mr. Ward seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Ward made motion in accordance with Step Budget to move Chief Martin to Step 3 Fire Chief effective January 1st, 2018. Mr. Morabito seconded the motion. Mr. Ward. Mr. Morabito, Mr. Lane and Mr. Evans voted yay, Mrs. Christy, Nay. Motion carried.

**Fire Marshal Gibson** gave his report regarding the Weed Abatement Program and the properties MVFD has been in charge of clearing. There were 20 burn permits sold in January and there have been five complaint letters issued and are waiting on permission to proceed from County. He had just finished a review for Plans of a Tribal Health Center that will be 46,000 square feet and said he had just received word that they are doing work on the Well at the corner of Sands and Plantation. They are installing 3 new pumps that will bring up the required pressure. The required fire flow minimum for a commercial building is 1500 gallons per minute. The hydrants along Plantation at the current time are only putting out 750 gallons per minute. Because of these current wells being repaired, they will bring us up to 1500 gallons per minute. By May, because of the new well that has just been put in in the Village there are hopes for 2600 gallons/minute…. Because he is one of the two in on this side of the State with a ‘Declaration of Authority “ signed by the Tribes, he will be spending much time in the Parker area investigating fires this summer. He reminded the Board that every time he goes down to Parker, the Department makes money.

**Chief Harmon** spoke and asked the Board if they wanted a line item listed for Weed Abatement or if it should come out of Contingency? The majority said they would like to see a line item created specifically for Weed Abatement. Regarding EMS calls – there were 149 calls for January 2018 with 121 calls out of Station 81 and 28 out of Station 84.

**Chief Martin** spoke to the Board about Marilyn’s resignation and that the Bermuda City Clubhouse is now defunct. There was more discussion on the Tribal Assessment being completed and the plans to move forward with that information.

Mrs. Christy wondered about the status of the Paramedic Program and Chief Martin said there were three that were still waiting to take the test.

Mr. Morabito made the motion to adjourn at 17:45 and Mr. Evans seconded.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Rhonda Letcher, Financial Specialist.