**Mohave Valley Fire Department**

**March 21, 2018**

 **BOARD MEETING** **MINUTES**

**Meeting called to order** by Clerk Joe Morabito @ 15:00, Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll call** – Mrs. Christy, Mr. Ward, Clerk Morabito are present. Mr. Lane and Chair Evans absent. 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 Mrs. Christy seconded approval of Minutes of February, 2018 with the changes regarding motion made by Mrs. Christy about legal documents going into locked file cabinet instead of Bank Box as stated. Motion carried.

**Financials Approval** – Mrs. Christy made motion and Mr. Ward seconded approval of February, 2018 bills and monthly Financials. Motion carried to approve both.

**BOARD BUSINESS PUBLIC SESSION**

Budget – Division Harmon gave graphs to the Board from 2009-2010 up to current numbers. We are looking at the numbers as far as the upcoming budget for year 2018-2019. We are only allowed to increase our rates by 8% max/per year. $54,762,000.00 is our assessed value. Our income is about 50% where we were in the tax year 2009/2010. Our benefit plan looks like the max will be a 5% increase; not the 15% - 20% like we had thought.

Chief Martin encouraged the Board to review the spread sheet with the FMIT evaluations to begin discussions and negotiations with them. Mrs. Christy let the Board members know that there has been no change with the South Contract since the 1990’s.

Chief Harmon asked the Board to Table the H/R Policy Manual Revision updates. Added words are underlined and deleted lines are deleted. Mrs. Christy made motion to table and Mr. Ward seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Fire Marshal Gibson is still working on Weed Abatement. The final set of plans have been reviewed for the Tribal Wellness Center and they have already broken ground on that. There was a controlled burn that became uncontrolled and needed our Suppression efforts for about 7 hours. The homeowner will be charged for those expenses.

Chief Harmon gave the statistics to the Board of our last months’ calls. We ran 128 calls total for the month. Of these calls, 111 were from Station 81; the remainder 17 were out of Station 84. At the Benefit Symposium he attended in Anaheim, he shared how he had learned more about the ins/outs of Benefits Management. Chief Harmon let the Board know the final inspection will be April 6th for our piece of Apparatus at Firetrucks Unlimited and invited any one to go along for the inspection if they were interested.

Chief Martin – gave the Oath to Michelle Schaubeck who will be our new Admin. Secretary/H.R. Specialist and Captain/Paramedic Jason Lopez.

Mrs. Christy moved to adjourn and Mr. Ward seconded at 3:48 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Rhonda Letcher, Financial Specialist.