**Mohave Valley Fire Department**

**April 18, 2017**

 **BOARD MEETING REVISED** **MINUTES**

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

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

“Mrs. Christy asked if she could make a statement and asked for the record to reflect – ‘ At the March Board Meeting, the Board was told by Fire Chief Martin that Mr. Kurt Sorensen could not be considered to fill the vacancy for the Board due to where Mr. Sorensen resides. Mr. Sorensen had contacted the Mohave County Elections Office and the County Attorney and Mrs. Christy had contacted the Mohave Valley Fire Department Governing Board’s Attorney and the States Attorney General’s Office. All saw no reason to not entertain Mr. Sorensen’s request to be a Board member. And Mr. Sorensen did send a letter, I believe, also. ”

**Oath** - Chair Evans gave the Oath of Office to Mr. Kevin Ward.

**Agenda Approval** – Mr. Morabito made motion to approve agenda and Mr. Lane seconded. Unanimous approval.

**Call to the Public** – Mr. Christy had a few questions he asked:

1. Chief Martin – Where did you get the information that Mr. Sorensen is not an eligible candidate?
2. Chief Martin – Did you not promise the Board when you went on it that you would move into the District?
3. I want to know if Mr. Harmon – Harley has paid back the money he owes taking the vehicle from going to the fire in Williams?
4. Are you violating my Civil Rights now?

**Minutes Approval** – Mrs. Christy made a motion to approve the Minutes of March 21, 2017 as long as the ARS 38-296.01 through ARS 16-121(A) be stricken. Mr. Lane seconded. Unanimous approval.

**Financial Approval** – Mrs. Christy made motion & Mr. Morabito seconded to approve bills. Mr. Morabito, Mr. Lane, Mr. Evans and Mr. Ward yay’s, Mrs. Christy, nay. Mrs. Christy made motion and Mr. Ward seconded motion to approve monthly financials. Unanimous approval.

**Board Business**

**Mr. Ward to sign checks -**Mr. Morabito made motion and Bob Lane seconded to approve checks. Mr. Lane, Mr. Morabito and Chair Evans yay. Mrs. Christy abstained. Motion approved.

**Engine Refurbishment/Trade In** – Chief Martin gave the synopsis on the history of the 1995 E1 Engine. We have been made aware of an opportunity to acquire another vehicle for $26,000 more than was budgeted in the Capital Plan for the refurbishment of the 1995 E1 Engine. This engine meets all of our specifications. It is about 5 years newer than the engine we were going to have refurbished and will hold double the amount of water than the engine that we currently have. We would like permission to trade in a 1995 E1 Engine and replace it with a 1999 Pierce Quantum. This has a Detroit Diesel Engine with 430 HP.Mr. Ward made motion to trade in the engine and buy the refurbished truck. Mr. Lane seconded the motion. Mr. Lane, Mr. Morabito, Mr. Ward and Chair Evans voted Yay. Mrs. Christy voted Nay. Motion approved.

**Pay Scale** **Revisited & Budget** –Chief Harmon updated the Board on the change in payscale. The change would be to have a shift in hiring, 3 months at a time. The goal would be to have 4 full-time at Station 81, 4 full-time at Station 84 and 3 full-time at Station 82 with a Reserve. He will be planning a Budget Meeting with the Board around the first of May.

**Phone System –** Fire Marshal Gibson provided the Board with two options of new phone systems that he had received quotes for VOIP Systems. There was an effort made to acquire a third quote through Fort Mojave Tribal, Frontier and Suddenlink, but they were not available to provide for the services we are needing. The first system through Experiornet is $11,000. The second quote is $15,664.15 from Colorado River Communications. Mr. Morabito made motion to invest in a new phone system with Experiornet for $11,000 and Mr. Lane Seconded. Mr. Lane, Mr. Morabito, Mr. Ward and Chair Evans voted Yay. Mrs. Christy voted no. Motion carried.

**Fire Marshal Gibson -**  In the last month, 40 burn permits have been issued and 34 abatement letters. Twelve new abatement complaints were received. Of those, three were referred to the County and three from the County with letters to proceed. Seven fire hydrants were worked on that have been out of service and we were able to repair one. We have ordered 6 replacements to fix those broken hydrants. Terry Loder and Ricardo Dorame from Dorame Farms clear lots for us for free. The farm road from Green Valley to Evergreen will be maintained by Doramae Farms to maintain that 50 FT firebreak two times a year in lieu of a $2000 bill we wrote off that was part of Kai Properties.

**Chief Harmon –** There were148 calls in the last month. Our average response time is 6.46 minutes which includes trips to Oatman. There were 2 fires in San Bernardino County, and one in Golden Shores for Mutual Aid. There were no Inter-Facility Transports in March.

**Chief Martin** – Firefighter/Paramedic Benjamin was praised for his efforts in helping a child injured at the Junior High School. Chief Martin & Firefighter/Paramedic Benjamin were at the Needles Fire on Saturday, April 15th. The Tender is getting the most attention going through the Auction twice. There is about another week of the auction. There has been a bid for $8,600. The reserve is set at $10,000 so Chief Martin asked the highest bidder if they would be open to meeting the Reserve.

Chief Martin gave the Oath of office for new Firefighter/Paramedic James Maguire and Receptionist Megan Long.

Mr. Lane made motion to adjourn at 4:32 pm and Mr. Lane seconded.

Minutes submitted by Rhonda Letcher