

Mohave Valley Fire Department
May 15, 2019

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

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

Agenda approval – Ms. Watson made motion to accept agenda and Mr. Ward seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes – Ms. Watson made motion to approve Minutes from April 17, 2019 and Mr. Ward seconded. Motion carried. Mr. Evans abstained.

Call to the Public – None

Monthly Bills & Financials– Mr. Ward made motion to approve the bills and monthly financials for April 2019 and Ms. Watson seconded. Motion carried.

BOARD BUSINESS PUBLIC SESSION

Health Insurance – Chief Martin discussed the Balanced Funded Proposal with Blue Cross/Blue Shield that the District would like to offer for employees for FYE 2019-2020. The Board was given copies of the current plan and this new plan so they could look at the differences, ask questions and make their decision. Mr. Evans made motion and Mr. Ward seconded to accept the Balanced Funding Proposal at the Blue Preferred PPO \$2000 70%. Motion carried.

Chief Evaluation – The Board discussed the Fire Chief Evaluation Tool that was approved by Bill Whittington in 2016. There was discussion about the scoring of this Tool. All the members of the Board liked this tool, but suggested making a few changes that seemed to better find a score for the evaluation. June 19th is the next scheduled Board Meeting. The Board will go into Executive Session at approx. 6:00 pm; right after the regularly scheduled Board Meeting. The Board will go over the evaluations that each Board Member has previously filled out. At the Executive Session, the Board will combine all of their responses (scores) to create one Evaluation that Chair Christy will present to Chief Martin. Mr. Ward made motion and Mr. Evans seconded. Motion carried.

Tentative Budget - Chief Harmon- Our District will receive a 3.99% increase from last year in property taxes. We are averaging about a 4% increase every year. Our current tax rate is 3.05. We are not going to change that in FYE 2019-2020. Ms. Watson questioned if these would ever go down, and Harmon explained most likely they would only go up. Chief Harmon gave the Board an updated Budget and discussed the line items with the Board. The South Contract with FMIT will be \$213,451. The difference in rate is because the FMIT Fiscal Year is from October through September whereas ours is July through June. The total tribal income from FMIT for the year is \$1,484,277.39. MVFD is on the Agenda at the June FMIT Meeting to approve the new Contract. Chief Harmon was not sure how many years this Contract will be for. Chief Harmon is projecting that there will be \$1,363,691 carryover to next year. It is projected that there will be \$1,172,561 in expenses for the next four months of our 2019-2020 budget year. The budget for next year is \$5,973,575.58. Mr. Ward made motion to accept tentative budget as proposed with the tax rate of \$3.05 and Ms. Watson seconded. Motion carried.

Fire Marshall Gibson – Just got done approving a new set of plans for a new building on Harbor which will be for Pancho Villa's. The Tribal School and Cultural Center inspections should be done in the next few weeks and they anticipate that they will be moving into these buildings by the end of June. Prevention is still working with the County to have the authority to enforce our Weed Abatement Ordinance. We have the River Bottom Fuels and Brush Base that do not affect

the local Fire Districts so our District needs the County to help us with enforcement. The crews did awesome work on dealing with a couple of structure fires; one of which included a fatality.

Division Chief Harmon –Has been working on Budgets. Was able to attend the Red Card Committee meeting for the State. Is helping FF Perkins approved for Engine Boss Task Book; Mike Kavanagh is also working on his task book to be an Engine Boss. Mohave County Fire Officer's held training at Riverside in Laughlin. Chief Harmon will be attending a Stats & Data Class in Peoria next week.

Fire Chief Martin - Shared that as a result of the Public Safety Personnel's appreciation picnic – two of our employees who received cash prizes from this picnic, donated their winnings to the Youth Football Association and to the River Fund. He informed the Board about the Easter Egg Hunt that the District sponsored on April 27. Chief Martin administered the Oath of Office and we welcomed our new Financial Specialist, Johanna Sanders.

Mr. Ward made motion to adjourn at 6:12 pm and Mrs. Christy seconded. Motion carried
Minutes respectfully submitted by Rhonda Letcher, Financial Specialist.