**Mohave Valley Fire Department**

**June 28, 2017**

**MVFD BOARD MEETING** **MINUTES**

**Meeting called to order** by Board Chair Jason Evans @ 15:12, Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Agenda approval** - Mr. Morabito made motion and Mr. Ward seconded motion to approve agenda. Mrs. Christy, nay. Motion carried.

**Minutes** - Mr. Morabito made motion to approve minutes and Mr. Ward seconded. Unanimous approval.

**Financial** – Mr. Morabito made motion to accept Financials and Mr. Ward seconded. Mr. Hargus abstained. Mrs. Christy voted nay. Motion carried.

**BOARD BUSINESS**

Review & revisit of Board Minutes for clarification -

March 21, 2017 – Mrs. Christy felt the Statute ARS 38-296.01 that was quoted at the Board Meeting was mis-quoted and that is why she wanted that stricken from the Minutes. There was discussion amongst the Board members about what was really said at the Board meeting. It was found that Mrs. Christy was reading ARS 38-296 and NOT ARS 38-296.01. Mr. Morabito made motion and Mr. Ward seconded to make Minutes state exactly what was said at the March 21, 2017 Board Meeting. Motion carried

February 21, 2017 - There was discussion amongst Board members about what was said at the Board meeting. Mr. Ward made a motion to amend the February 21, 2017 minutes to match the recording and this was seconded by Mr. Morabito. Mrs. Christy, nay. Motion carried.

April 18th, 2017 – There was discussion amongst board members to amend Minutes to include statements to reflect what had been originally intended to be put in. Mr. Ward made motion to have what Mr. Christy said at the Call To Public put into the Minutes of April 18th, 2017 and Mr. Morabito seconded. Unanimous approval.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC** - There was discussion amongst the Board regarding Call to the Public and whether this option should be left on the agenda for Public Meetings for Mohave Valley Fire District. The State of Arizona Attorney General’s office let the Chair know he has the option of taking this off the agenda as there is no law regarding this. Mrs. Christy favored leaving the Call to the Public on the agenda. Mr. Ward and Mr. Morabito agreed as long as there are rules to regulate how the meeting goes.

HR Policy 2-006 and 1-003 –Mr. Ward made motion to approve HR Policy amendments and Mr. Morabito seconded. Mrs. Christy nay. Motion carried.

Board By-Laws – Mr. Ward made motion to adopt proposed changes to Board By-Laws and Mr. Morabito seconded. Mrs. Christy nay. Motion carried.

Sick Leave Policy – The Policy has not been completed yet.

IGA with City of Bullhead City Dispatch – Chief Martin discussed with the Board the change in costs for this service. Exhibit A breaks down the increase in cost. Mr. Ward made motion that we accept the resolution of the 911 calls and Mrs. Christy seconded. Unanimous approval.

Payscale – is the same as was tentatively approved except with the Reserve payscale from a 2-step to a five step to allow to gradually allow to follow the Arizona revised Statute 206. This will go into effect starting July 10th. Motion to adopt payscale by Mr. Ward. Seconded by Mr. Lane. Mrs. Christy is abstaining. The change in pay rate will be effective on July 10th, 2017.

Mr. Morabito made motion to suspend Board Meeting and Mr. Ward seconded. Unanimous approval.

Mr. Morabito made motion to open Public Hearing to adopt tentative Budget and Mr. Ward seconded. Unanimous approval.

The General Public had no questions or comments regarding the tentative Budget.

Mr. Morabito made motion, Mr. Ward seconded to reconvene meeting. Unanimous approval.

**2017 – 2018 Budget** – Division Chief Harmon spoke to the Board about revised Budget. We are staying with $3.05. He spoke with the FMIT and they came back and said they will not entertain a change to the contract because we have a 2-year contract and left no stipulation for that. Because of that decision from FMIT, Chief Harmon went back to the drawing board to make changes. Because we added a 10% administrative expense in the FMIT Budget, there was some money that we could use to cover the unexpected extra costs for this next fiscal year. There was not enough extra to cover all the costs so there were many cuts made to Station 84 for this next Fiscal Year. $15,634.14 is the amount that was left on the FMIT budget from this fiscal year. We will use that money to put into a contingency line item to be used on Station 84. The second year of the Tribal Contract starts October 2017. Chair Evans agreed with Chiefs Martin & Harmon to only have 1-year contracts with FMIT. One contract is done on the costs of providing the service; the other is associated with marrying the property values. Motion to adopt tentative budget as presented. Mr. Ward, Mr. Lane seconded. Mrs. Christy, nay. Motion carried.

**Fire Marshal Gibson** – some of the weed ababatement has slowed down due to the County Attorney not having enough staff to help send out the Legal letters. He is presently working with the FEMA fuel mitigation grant. He spoke about looking at a Fall project with State Lands. Part of this Plan is to use AZ. Dept. of Correction crews to keep costs lower and he has BIA working with the District on this. Mohave County has issued a Burn ban throughout the entire County. No campfires, no firearms or no fireworks until we get rain. It is up to the local Fire District to investigate complaints and then turn over to Mohave County Sheriff’s for enforcement. People can be cited for $750.00 if rules are not followed. The Burn Ban will be in effect Friday, June 30th at 12:00 noon. This ban does not affect the District doing burning.

Mrs. Christy wondered about the new hires if they had taken the Captain’s test that our guys have taken. Fire Chief Martin said no because these men were hired laterally and they are coming from other Stations where they were in that position at that location.

Chief Martin reported to the Board about our Fire District responded to Mutual Aid to Kingman on Monday. There were a total of 250 cars that burned in that incident. The State may activate the Statewide Mutual Aid Plan to help Northern Arizona Fire & Rescue in the Chino Valley area to help supplement the resources in the District.

Chief Martin was happy to share with the Board two pieces of correspondence from Mohave Valley residents that we received in the mail. . One was from a lady that was assisted by Robert Derichsweiler. Within an hour of asking for help her take care of a downed tree. The other was for Fire Marshal Gibson regarding a fire near Dolan Spring written by BLM Law Enforcement Ranger Carrie Wolstal.

Fire Chief Martin gave Captain Jim Reyes the Oath of Office. He introduced Captain/Paramedic Forrest Taylor. Forrest will be given a formal Oath when his family has an opportunity to be here.

Marilyn Lucas reported to the Board about the purchase for a new ice machine to make our own ice.

Mr. Ward made motion to adjourn at 4:47 pm and Mr. Lane seconded. Unanimous approval.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Rhonda Letcher, Financial Specialist.