**Mohave Valley Fire Department**

**July 18, 2017**

**BUDGET** **BOARD MEETING** **MINUTES**

**Meeting called to order** by Board Chair Jason Evans @ 15:02, Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

**Minutes Approval** – Mrs. Christy made motion and Mr. Morabito seconded approval of Minutes of June 28th, 2017.

**Bill Approval** - Mr. Lane made motion and Mr. Morabito seconded approval of bills. Motion carried.

**Financials** - Due to a timing issue such as not receiving numbers from the County in time, no Financial Statements were presented to the Board. Mrs. Christy made motion and Mr. Morabito seconded to table approval of the Financials until the August Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**Board Business**

**2017 – 2018 Budget** – Division Chief Harmon spoke to the Board about Adopting the Final Budget. There was discussion about properties on the FMIT and who receives taxes – just the FMIT or the County also? It appears just the FMIT receives the tax monies. Mrs. Christy wondered where the money was coming from for the engine that is being refurbished. Chief Martin said the money was $225K and it was coming out of Capital Assigned. Mr. Morabito made motion to approve budget and Mr. Lane seconded. Chair Evans, Mr. Lane and Mr. Morabito approved and Mrs. Christy opposed. Motion carried.

**Call To The Public** -Chair Evans discussed with the Board if there were any more questions for the Call to the Public that he is having the attorney, Mr. Whittington draw up for our District to use. Mr. Morabito would like the Rules for Call to the Public to be read at the opening of each Board Meeting.

**Fire Marshal Gibson** gave a report about meeting with the FMIT Tribal Council about the FMAG Grant. They signed off allowing us to go forward with the Grant. He also spoke about the County Mandated Burn Ban. He asked the FMIT to agree with the Burn Ban and to not sell fireworks. They said their firework stand sells $70,000/day in fireworks right before the 4th of July. They would comply with the Burn Ban, but not comply with stopping the sale of the fireworks….. He was involved an accident last week with the other driver at fault and was okay physically, but the vehicle is at the auto repair shop. Mohave Valley Fire has been hosting 6 kids from the tribe that are here learning about the fire service and if this is something they would be interested in pursuing as far as a career.

**Chief Harmon** gave the update on calls for the month of June - 153 calls last month Station 81 had 108, and Station 84 had 45 calls. It was a very busy month. Valley View Medical Center just sent out an updated protocol. We are working on updating our rate changes for the Wildland Billing. Beale Fire had 135 acres that burned that we were involved in for a couple of days. The Engine from 84 is out of Service and is currently being repaired.

**Chief Martin** - Paramedic Class is winding down. Most people are able to hit their clinicals. Class should end the end of August. Mechanic Robert Gallegos received his first EVT Certification. This one was the general fire apparatus. Chief Martin presented the Board with an award from VFIS for our safety measures we have implemented. We were 1 of 3 in the State to receive the award for our safety programs.

Clerk Morabito had a question to Chief Harmon about where we are at in the Tribal Contract that ends October 2018. Chief Harmon said discussions for the new contract will start about February of 2018.

Mr. Morabito made motion to adjourn and Mr. Lane seconded.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Rhonda Letcher, Financial Specialist.