

Mohave Valley Fire Department
September 19, 2018

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

Roll call – Mrs. Christy, Clerk Morabito, Chair Evans and Mr. Ward. Robert Lane is 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 – Mrs. Christy made motion and Mr. Ward seconded approval of Minutes of August 22, 2018. Motion carried.

Financials Approval – Mr. Morabito made motion and Mr. Ward seconded approval of August Financials. Motion carried. Mrs. Christy made motion to approve Financials of August 1 – 31, 2018 Mr. Morabito seconded. Motion carried.

BOARD BUSINESS PUBLIC SESSION

The Board was given four separate bids for Auditors for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year End. These were: Saunders & Company; Beach Fleischman; Walker & Armstrong, LLP and Fester and Chapman. While reviewing the bids, the Board asked if our previous Auditors - Saunders & Company - had sent the note requested at the April 2018 Board Meeting which stated: 'that the Auditors send a note to further explain and clarify compensated absences on page 39 on the Audit.' This clarification letter was never received from Saunders & Company. Because of this, Mrs. Christy made motion to contact Mr. Whittington and have him draft a letter to send to Saunders & Company requesting they follow through with the Board's request and send this note which will be inserted in to the 2016-2017 Audited Financial Statements. Mr. Ward seconded motion. Motion carried. Mrs. Christy made motion to select Walker & Armstrong, LLP. The \$12,000 is inclusive. Mr. Morabito seconded motion. Motion carried. The Board would like this new contract with the newly elected Auditors to state that phone calls with basic questions would not be charged an additional fee beyond the \$12,000.

Fire Marshal Gibson informed the Board about the need for the purchase of 4 new iPads. Captain McShea has put out a grant for six other iPads. These iPads are downloaded with needed HIPAA information to protect the patients. Funds that will be used for this purchase had been budgeted and approved for a computer, but now, these iPads will be purchased in the place of the computer. Mr. Ward made motion for this procurement and Mr. Morabito seconded. Motion carried.

Fire Marshal Gibson gave an update on the status of the implementation of the new server on our system. The weed abatement system is moving along nicely. A letter was written for Farmers Insurance and sent out to other insurance companies stating we have Mutual Aid at the Mesquite Creek area. This information will change their rating ISO from 9 to 5 and this will reduce their insurance costs. EPCOR Water will be making some changes in Willow Valley from King Street to Kingsley. We will give them 3 hydrants; which they will install at their own expense. All the water lines and valves will be replaced. These new fire hydrants will be placed at Kingsley & Center, Lark & King Way and halfway between King Way & Center on Border.

Fire Chief Martin spoke about the Boat Collision on the lower river. Multiple agencies operating at the same time made many challenges with that situation..... There have been a couple of wildland deployments. The crew that is out now should return the first or second of October..... We are replacing all the mattresses in the Stations..... Engine 811 has been out of service for four weeks; and will be out for another four weeks. The DEF system has malfunctioned and we are waiting for someone to manufacture the part. We have acquired 25 new portable radios from Phoenix Fire..... The

VFW had a remembrance on September 11 and invited the crew for dinner; which we were a part of.....Firefighter Kyle Terrones passed the National Registry for the Paramedic exam yesterday..... Services for Rick DePauw will be at 5902 Highway 95, Suite 102 on September 30. Mike Contreras passed away and his services will be on Sunday September 23, 11:30 AM at Mohave High School.

Mr. Evans made motion to adjourn at 3:55 pm and Mrs. Christy seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Rhonda Letcher, Financial Specialist.