

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order by Chair Christy @ 3:00pm; Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call – Chair Christy, Ms. Watson, Mr. Ward, Mr. Evans and Mr. Clavir are present. There is a quorum.

Agenda approval – Chair Christy requested that we change Item F right after Item B. Mr. Ward made motion to accept the agenda with the change and Ms. Watson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Call to the Public – None

Minutes – Mr. Ward made motion to approve Minutes from January 15th, 2020. Ms. Watson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Monthly Bills & Financials – Mr. Ward made motion to approve the bills and monthly financials for January 2020 and Ms. Watson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC MEETING

Type 3 Engine – Chief Harmon announced that Mohave Valley Fire Department has an opportunity to purchase a 2019 Type 3 Engine for approximately \$315,000.00 and requested Board consideration and approval. Our current Type 3 Engine is Federal Access Property which means currently our Wildland Billing is done at a reduced rate of \$74/hr. and will be reduced to \$63/hr. due to the age of the vehicle next year. Chief Harmon confirmed that we had the funds in our budget to make the purchase.

It was suggested to table this item until the rest of the Business Agenda Items were covered and to revisit. Mr. Ward made motion to table the item until we had an opportunity to review the remainder of the Business Agenda Items. Mr. Ward made motion to table Consideration to purchase the Type 3 Engine until the end of the Agenda and Mr. Evans seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Fiscal 2020/2021 – Chief Harmon provided a budget time line to the Board. Chief Harmon went through several highlights of the current budget. He explained that Ambulance Revenues, Tax Base, and FMIT Contract will all be increasing. Mohave Valley Fire is now starting to do Inner Facility Transports.

Chief Moore with Bullhead Fire spoke about Senate Bill 1398 which was looking to reduce commercial property valuation.

Proposed Pay Scale- Chief Harmon proposed a new pay scale to the Board. He explained that he moved Step 3 to Step 1 and added a Step 9 and a Step 10. He also changed the Reserve Firefighter/EMT/Paramedic pay up due to the 2020 minimum wage increase as well to be more competitive. The pay scale would not take effect until the next fiscal year. Harmon explained that our budget will be able to sustain the 6% increase without raising our tax base. Mr. Ward made a motion to approve the proposed pay scale and Mr. Evans seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ambulance Update- Chief Martin explained that the information on the ARCR Report shows an operating loss because the public and private sectors do not follow the same reporting requirements and until this process changes we will continue to show operating at loss. Revenues do continue to increase and we are moving in the right direction.

RFP H/R Legal- Chair Christy brought this up because she would like to see us go out to Bid for our H/R and Legal Services. Chief Martin agreed but requested that we wait because there may some other opportunity coming up through the working with the others in the JPA.

Ratification of the affirmation for the consultant fees (JPA) – (Divided between all 3 Districts) MVFD portion of the consultant fees should not exceed \$8,000 and we shooting for a 45 day window to have the feasibility study completed. Mr. Ward made motion to approve the ratification of the affirmation for the consultant fees and Ms. Watson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Type 3 Engine – Mr. Ward made motion to approve the purchase of the Type 3 Engine and Mr. Evans seconded. Chair Christy Opposed. Motion passed.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Battalion Chief McShea: McShea announced that new ambulance is in service and running calls. We have 4 employees in paramedic school. Since the last meeting we have ran 254 calls with an average response time is 5 min. 45 seconds. As of January 1st, Mohave Valley Fire Department has done 17 inner facility transports providing additional income support the District.

Fire Marshal Gibson: Chief Gibson reported that he has not heard anything from the County regarding the weed abatement issue. In the last 30 days our Crews have cleaned out an alley that could have potentially caused fire hazards to multiple houses. Preplans continue to be worked on; currently on Harbor. (We are about ½ way done with Harbor)

Division Chief Harmon: Chief Harmon briefed the Board regarding the multiple Grants that the District is looking/applying for. Our solar panel grant will need to be placed on our next Agenda to determine how we are going to do the mounting for Station 82.

Fire Chief Martin: Chief Martin informed the Board that the Firehouse West Conference is next week in Las Vegas. Many employees will have a chance to attend. Chief Martin explained the benefits of Preplanning to the Board which in the end will benefit the taxpayers. Martin also spoke about the large prescribed control burn last week that we assisted with.

Mr. Ward made motion to adjourn and Ms. Watson seconded at 4:02 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Johanna Sanders, Financial Specialist.