

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

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

Agenda approval – Chair Christy made motion to accept agenda and Ms. Watson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Call to the Public – None

Minutes – Chair Christy made motion to table February 19th, 2020 minutes because the January minutes were provided in the Board Packet. Ms. Watson Seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Monthly Bills & Financials – Chair Christy made motion to approve the bills and monthly financials for February 2020 and Ms. Watson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC MEETING

JPA Update – Chief Moore spoke about the feasibility study being performed by the J Vincent Group. The window to receive the study back was approximately 30 to 45 days. He expects to receive a few spreadsheets within the next week for review.

Budget Update – Chief Harmon informed the Board that he was still waiting on Health Insurance/Medical and Workers Compensation numbers for the 2020/2021 Budget. The Workers Compensation Bill with 7710 may possibly increase 270% due to the pending Legislative Cancer Bill. AFDA has proposed putting together a new Workers Compensation Pool that will be run and managed by Fire Departments. The cost to be in the pool would be approximately a 160% increase from what we are currently paying, but long term would be a benefit and save the Department money. We will know more by June 1st. Chief Harmon explained that he would not receive any numbers regarding Medical until end of April/May. Ms. Watson expressed her concern regarding the approval of an Engine for Station 82 now that the Department has to manage the Workers Compensation increase. Chief Harmon explained that the Engine Purchase was a capital purchase and money was set aside/allocated for such item and is carried over if not used.

Solar Panel Grant Update - MVFD received a grant for 15K from MEC for solar panels at Station 82; Chief Martin explained that he reached out to (4) companies to provide proposals to spend the Grant money. Mohave Solar is the only company that responded back. Chief Martin requested that the Board officially accept the grant. Ms. Watson made a motion to accept the MEC Solar Grant and Mr. Clavir Seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Gibson: Fire Marshal Gibson was sick and not present so Chief Martin explained that Gibson was working on inspecting the in ground fuel tanks at the new Tribal Gas Station/Convenient Store. He was informed that the Tribe was planning to develop duplex type tribal housing.

Harmon: Chief Harmon reported that we had two AFG Grants submitted. The first one was for SBAs and the second one was for a Water Tender to replace the one on Station 84. These grants are a 5% matching fund grants. We just renewed our contract with the Arizona Department of Forestry for following year.

Martin: Chief Martin stated that due to the Corona Virus the Easter Egg Hunt has been cancelled and will not be rescheduled. Our Type 3 is in production and is in process of being assembled. Chief Martin followed up with the Letter to the Board of Supervisors and discovered that the letter went into their Correspondence and was ignored. Chief Martin called them up and requested response. He will let you know the response once he receives it. If we do not receive a response then we will send another letter or attend one of their Board Meetings.

Ms. Watson made motion to adjourn and Mr. Clavir seconded at 4:18 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Johanna Sanders, Financial Specialist