

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

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

**Roll call** – Chair Christy, Ms. Watson, Mr. Clavir, and Mr. Ward are present. Mr. Evans joined the meeting via phone call at 3:11. There is a quorum.

**Agenda approval** – Chief Harmon requested that we “flip flop” items B and C on the Agenda. Mr. Ward made motion to accept agenda as amended and Ms. Watson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Call to the Public** – None

**Minutes** – Mr. Ward made motion to approve the April 15<sup>th</sup> minutes. Ms. Watson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**PUBLIC MEETING**

**Surplus Property Disposal:** Chief Harmon explained that MVFD had made a list of equipment that we no longer use. He requested approval to dispose, donate or sell via auction. Mr. Ward made motion to move forward with the surplus property disposal and Ms. Watson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Wells Fargo Line Of Credit:** Chief Harmon requested that the Board approve a Wells Fargo line of credit for \$250,000.00 with an interest rate 3.25% Prime Rate. He explained that it was not something that we expect to utilize but it was considered “best practice” to have in place. Mr. Ward made motion to approve the Wells Fargo line of Credit. Mr. Clavir seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Medical Insurance Review:** Chief Martin made a recommendation that we stay with Employer Benefit Solutions as our Medical Insurance Carrier for the next Fiscal Year. Employer Benefit Solutions proposal shows a 1.18% increase from our current pricing. We had received a solicitation for medical benefits through Responders Health Trust and their premiums came in higher than Employer Benefit Solutions. Mr. Ward made motion to approve Employer Benefit Solutions BCBS for our medical coverage for FY 2020/2021. Mr. Clavir seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Preliminary 2020/2021 Budget Adoption:** Chief Harmon went through the proposed 2020/2021 Budget explaining any increases/decreases from our current budget as well as providing details for the following Grants expected:

Total Grant Amount: \$538,665.26 Total Grant Match= \$103,234.08

SAFER GRANT: 3 Personnel \$236,504.10

Federal: \$177,378.07 Match: \$59,126.03

FIRE PREVENTION GRANT: \$11,208.00

Federal: \$10,674.29 Match: \$533.71

AFG GRANT: SBA's \$359,959.21

Federal: \$342,818.30 Match: \$17,140.91

AFG GRANT: Water Tender Replacement 84 \$345,402.00

Federal: \$328,668.57 Match: \$16,433.43

VFA Grant: \$20,000

Federal: \$10,000.00 Match: 50% Pre-Awarded: \$3,030.00

Total Operating Budget on our Revenue Only Basis is: \$6,724,270.14

Ms. Watson questioned what could happen to our budget if we see a high amount of foreclosures. Previous Administration raised the tax rate. Chief Harmon stated that if we identify a trend indicating a shortfall than we will cut our spending and if we really needed to we could access Contingency and Capital carryover's to offset the budget; however, this is not something we would want to do unless absolutely needed. Mr. Ward made motion to accept the Preliminary 2020/2021 Budget as presented. Mr. Clavir seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Fire Chief Evaluation:** A blank copy of the Fire Chief's evaluation was attached for the Board to review. Fire Chief Martin's response to last year's evaluation was also attached for the Board. Chair Christy stated that they would set up his evaluation at the next Board Meeting.

### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

**McShea:** BC McShea reported that there have not been a lot of Co-vid cases, but there have been 9 reported cases in the Village Area. Our Crews are taking the proper precautions and have handled everything professionally while maneuvering through this. McShea reported that we are working with Bullhead City to ensure everyone has enough PPE; he doesn't anticipate any shortages. We received the funding for the hose from Firehouse Subs so we will be purchasing it next week. MVFD ran 162 calls this month and our response times keep improving;

**Harmon:** Chief Harmon provided an update on Current Roadside and Wildland Fires. Harmon stated that the Preliminary Budget will be posted appropriately by tomorrow. Harmon requested that the June Board Meeting be bumped a week to the 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 instead of the 17<sup>th</sup> to ensure all budget numbers have been entered for the Fiscal Year. The Board had no issues.

**Martin:** Chief Martin informed the Board that effective Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> the County issued a Burn Ban which will not be lifted until the County starts receiving more moisture, possibly the end of July or August. Chief Martin gave credit to the Crews hard work regarding the fire and ambulance calls.

Chair Christy inquired if there was any news to report regarding the JPA. She was informed that there was a meeting set for Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> where we will receive the study.

Chair Christy thanked the Staff for all their hard work and expressed how much the Board appreciated everyone.

Mr. Ward made motion to adjourn and Ms. Watson seconded at 3:42 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Johanna Sanders, Financial Specialist.