

Mohave Valley Fire Department

July 17, 2020

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

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

Agenda approval – Mr. Ward made motion to have the Executive Session moved to after Administrative Reports. Mr. Clavir Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Call to the Public – None

Minutes – Mr. Ward made motion to approve Board Meeting Minutes of June 24th; Ms. Watson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Monthly Bills & Financials – Mr. Ward made motion to approve the June 2020 Bills and Financials. Ms. Watson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC MEETING

Tribal Contract: Chair Christy questioned the impact the potential JPA would have on our current Tribal Contract. Chief Martin provided clarification and reassured her that the JPA would not affect our contract with the Tribe at all. Ms. Watson noted that the Tribal Contract states that the contract could be cancelled with a 60 day written notice from either party; Ms. Watson requested that the Tribe receive letter regarding the JPA, to ensure that they are not against it.

Ms. Watson inquired if Mohave Valley Fire’s tax rate would stay the same if we were to enter into the JPA. Chief Harmon explained that with or without the JPA, the tax rate will eventually be capped due to the way the economy is going and because the Department expenses are outpacing the Department income. He also explained that the Tribal Contract had been the primary reason we have not had to raise our tax rates hastily. Fort Mohave Mesa Fire Chief Scholtz confirmed that they also are seeing the same possible trend.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Battalion Chief McShea: Reported that MVFD currently had 5 employees test positive for COVID; all are reported to be doing well and will be retested prior to returning to work. McShea stated that we have received a COVID WACEMS grant for respirators. McShea also noted that our crews responded to 249 calls in the last 30 days.

Division Chief Harmon: Explained that he had just got back from a few Wildland Fires. Harmon gave a brief summary of where our budget numbers fell at the end of the Fiscal Year. Our Ambulance Collections are higher than past years which helped the budget come in lower than expected. In the last 30 days, MVFD has billed the State \$104,000.00 in Wildland Billing. We will continue to look at Grants to help cover the ongoing COVID costs.

Fire Chief Martin: Thanked our Crews for doing an excellent job; they have been busy with specific traffic events and burning brush fires along on Hwy. 95.

Executive Session: Board entered into Executive Session at 3:30 pm.

Chair Christy made motion to move the Board Meeting into Executive Session. Mr. Ward seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Reconvened Board Meeting at 3:54 pm

Fire Chief Martin Evaluation: Mr. Ward made motion to give Chief Martin his next performance step increase. Mr. Clavir seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ward made motion to adjourn and Ms. Watson seconded at 3:56 pm. Motion carried.
Minutes respectfully submitted by Johanna Sanders, Financial Specialist.