Mohave Valley Fire Department August 19, 2020

## **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. There is a quorum. Mr. Evans arrived at 3:02 PM.

Agenda approval – Mr. Ward made motion to approve the Agenda. Mr. Clavir Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Call to the Public – None

**Minutes** – Mr. Ward made motion to approve Board Meeting Minutes of July 15<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Clavir seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Monthly Bills & Financials** –Mr. Ward made motion to approve the July 2020 Bills. Mr. Clavir seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Chair Christy requested that Ms. Sanders provide a spreadsheet of phone costs to present at the next Board Meeting. Ms. Watson made motion to approve the July Financials. Mr. Ward seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

## PUBLIC MEETING

**Bid Openings:** Chair Christy declared a conflict of interest because she knew one of the bidders personally. Chair Christy requested that Clerk Watson handle the bid opening due to that conflict of interest.

Kubota Tractor:\$3,375.00 Del RaneyHIGHEST BID, AWARDED THE KUBOTA TRACTOR\$2,756.00 John Young\$1,367.98 James Hole\$1,215.00 Wakimoto Farms\$1,215.00 Wakimoto Farms\$1,100.00 Preston Falls\$700.00 Dave Smith

*Ford 350*: \$610.00 Wakimoto Farms HIGHEST BID, AWARDED THE FORD 350 \$250.00 Dave Smith

*Joey Bedliner*: Did not received any bids

Mr. Ward made motion to accept Wakimoto Farms bid of \$610.00 for the Ford 350 and to accept Del Raney's bid of \$3,375.00 for the Kubota Tractor. Mr. Evans seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**A/C Bids Station 82:** Battalion Chief McShea went explained that we have received 3 quotes for replacing Air conditioning units for Station 82.

<u>*Reinke*</u> quoted \$5,133.62 with a 1-year warranty on parts and labor and 4-year warranty on compressor parts only, not labor

Horizon quoted \$5,882.00 with a 10-year manufacturer warranty and 1-year labor warranty

<u>Cool Mountain Air Construction</u> quoted \$5,728.80

Mr. Ward made motion to accept the Horizon A/C Bid even though it was not the lowest bid because of the warranty that was offered. Ms. Watson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Ambulance Proposal:** Chief Martin presented the proposal for the replacement of the next ambulance. Firefighter/Paramedic Mike Lowenthal spoke up regarding the proposal and gave reasons to justify the purchase for safety standards and efficiency purposes. Chief Martin explained that the funds were available in our budget under Capital. Chair Christy brought up her concern of other possible unexpected capital costs that may need to be addressed. Mr. Ward Made motion to approve the ambulance proposal and Mr. Clavir seconded. Chair Christy opposed the motion. Motion passed.

Auditor Letter to the Board: This letter was provided to the Board to advise them of the engagement with Walker & Armstrong for our 2020 Audit.

**United States Senate Letter/AFG Grant:** Mohave Valley Fire Department has received a Grant in the amount of \$256,915.25 in Federal Funding for SCBA's from the Department of Homeland Security. Our cost/portion for the Grant is 5%, or \$12,845.76 which will be taken out of capital. Mr. Ward made motion to accept the Grant and approve the \$12,845.76. to satisfy the Grant. Mr. Evans seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**Battalion Chief McShea:** Regarding COVID, Mohave Valley has the highest of positive cases in our area, however our personnel currently is at 0 cases. Our calls continue to increase. We had 261 calls this month with an average of 6 minutes on response time. The last month there has been a lot of structure fires and the Crews have been working very hard.

**Fire Marshal Gibson:** Stated that our Crews have done a great job dealing with all the recent structure fires and should be recognized for their hard work. Regarding Fire Prevention, the new Convenient Store for the Tribe is about to open; projected opening is September 4<sup>th</sup>. There is a lot of residential construction going on, but not so much commercial. We have not heard anything from the Board of Supervisors regarding the weed abatement, but letters have been sent out to the residents and we have had about a 30% response. We have been reprogramming radios and testing regarding the low volume issues that we have been dealing with. The asbestos testing at the Bermuda Clubhouse is being completed today so we will know if that is going to be an issue after we receive the report.

**Fire Chief Martin:** Chief Martin asked our MVFD Mechanic, Mr. Gallegos to explain the current mechanical issues we are currently experiencing with 1 of our Ambulances and the Water Tender at Station 84. He explained that we are starting to have associated costs due to the high miles on the equipment, but the equipment should last through the remainder of the Summer. Chief Martin also expressed his appreciation to the Crews for all their hard work regarding the Fires.

Mr. Ward made motion to adjourn and Mr. Evans seconded at 3:50 pm. Motion carried unanimously. Minutes respectfully submitted by Johanna Sanders, Financial Specialist.