

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. Mr. Evans joined via Telephone. Mr. Ward is absent. There is a quorum.

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

Call to the Public – None

Minutes – Ms. Watson made motion to approve Board Meeting Minutes of September 16th; Mr. Clavir seconded. Mr. Evans abstained. Motion passed.

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

PUBLIC MEETING

Mohave County Attorney Letter regarding the Transwestern Pipeline: We received correspondence from our County Attorney regarding the Transwestern Gas Pipeline Property; Transwestern Pipeline has appealed the cash values determined by Arizona Department of Revenue for 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021. The trial court ruled on Transwestern's appeal. The finding was that Arizona Department of Revenue had erroneously assessed the Transwestern's property resulting in a new fair market value for the property. This has caused an overpayment of taxes that needs to be reimbursed back to Transwestern Pipeline. Unless Legislator corrects the AZDOR calculation, this can potentially continue to happen. The County Attorney is proposing a settlement to pay back Transwestern Pipeline, not to exceed \$150,000.00. The funds for this will be coming out of the Contingency Fund. Ms. Watson made Motion to approve the settlement back to Transwestern Pipeline. The settlement is not to exceed \$150,000.00 to Transwestern over next 5 years. Mr. Clavir seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

BHC Vehicle Purchase: Mohave Valley Fire fleet mechanic, Robert Gallegos discussed the details of the two vehicles that Bullhead City Fire is looking to surplus. He explained that the trucks had been well maintained.

Truck #1 details provided: 2002 Ford King Cab, V10 motor 85,000 miles, new tires
Asking price: Between \$7,000.00 – \$8,000.00

Truck #2 details provided: 2007 GMC 4 door cab with shell, Duramax motor, 85,000 miles
Asking price: \$17,000.00

If MVFD decides to purchase these vehicles then BHC Fire promised to leave all the lights, code lights, miscellaneous accessories with exception of the radios in the trucks. BHC Fire is willing to sell both the vehicles to MVFD for \$25,000.00. Mr. Evans made motion to purchase the vehicles from Bullhead City Fire. Mr. Clavir seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Clubhouse Demo Quotes: Chief Martin followed up with the Board to see what direction they were planning on moving regarding the Clubhouse. Ms. Watson suggested putting it on the market and selling it "as is". Chief Martin recommended that we discuss the value of the property with our Attorney to ensure it is sold for the appropriate appraised value. Mr. Clavir made a motion to get the opinion from our Attorney regarding Auction or Selling of the Clubhouse property. Ms. Watson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Battalion Chief McShea: Reported that we had 83 calls and 60 transports this past month and have been part of several mutual aids around the area. We have finalized the SCBA grant and should receive the products by the middle of November. Training for the crews will be beginning November 11th through November 16th.

Fire Marshal Gibson: Explained that there is not a lot to report regarding prevention this month. Willow Valley Liquor put in new fuel tanks that they acquired through a State Grant which has passed inspection. They still have some asphalt in back before the project will be considered completed.

Chief Harmon: All of our Crews have returned from the Wildland Assignments. There were no big issues reported and the Type 3 did excellent. The fires do not seem to be slowing down, but we are giving our Crews a needed break and not sending them back out right away. We have collected approximately \$162,000.00 in Wildland billing to date and have currently billed the State of Arizona over \$220,000.00. We still have about \$100,000.00 to bill for the most recent assigned fires. MVFD is currently working with Walker and Armstrong to complete our 2019 – 2020 audit which is moving smoothly. We are currently in the process of updating our ISO (Insurance Service Organization) rating which is based on data provided by us and the water company. We will be listing Fort Mohave and County Clark as auto aid Departments which should lower our ISO Rating for many areas in Mohave Valley. At this time, MVFD has 3 open firefighter positions that we are looking to fill.

Chief Martin: Chief Martin explained the ISO rates in more detail as well as how the lower rate would benefit property owners. The 1st Responder Appreciation Event, the Jim Roberts Dedication, and the Emergency Vehicle Testing (EVT) were all on Saturday, October 17th. Jim Roberts was a Cert. Member that passed away last winter and MVFD purchased a tree in his memory. Mohave County just passed a nuisance abatement ordinance; however it only covers rental properties, not property owners. If we have any rental properties that need to be “cleaned up” then they should be pushed to the County to handle. We will still need to work with the County to find a solution for homeowners with properties that need to be cleaned up. We are in the first stage of Engineer and Captain testing. We have (1) Engineer and (1) Captain that will move to the next stage. The 2nd half of the Captain testing will be held in December. Chief Martin thanked the MVFD Personnel with all the hard work this past month.

Reminder: Halloween Drive Thru on Friday Night 5 pm – 8 pm!

Ms. Watson made motion to adjourn and Mr. Clavir seconded at 4:00 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Johanna Sanders, Financial Specialist.