

## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Meeting called to order** by Chair Christy @ 5:00 pm, Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll call** – Chair Christy, Mr. Ward, Mr. Evans, and Mr. Clavir are present. Ms. Watson joined at 5:05 pm. There is a quorum.

**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 February 2021. Mr. Clavir seconded. Mr. Evans abstained. Motion passed.

**Monthly Bills & Financials** – Mr. Ward made motion to approve the February 2021 Bills and Financials. Mr. Evans seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **PUBLIC MEETING**

- A. **2021-2022 Budget:** Chief Harmon provided the Board with a 2021- 2022 Budget Timeline; He informed the Board that the worksheets to determine our tax rate were provided in the Board Packets. The worksheets show that our Property Tax Values increased from \$59 Million to almost \$63 Million, which is approximately a 5% increase. Next month we will start our workshops. We are expecting our PSPRS contribution rate to go up from 23.77% to a predicted amount of 25.12%. Our Health/Dental Insurance is predicted to go up approximately 2% but we will budget for a 5% increase until we get the actual numbers. We will not get the Workers Comp numbers for a couple more months. We are going to have to take a closer look at fuel costs for next year as we are seeing fuel prices increasing; the costs could possibly double next year. We are also expecting an increase in our Dispatch Center and Radio System due to needed upgrades. We will look at Grants to help offset these increases. We have applied for a Grant for a new Water Tender for Station 84; If we do not receive the Grant, we will need to be prepared to budget for one. This Budget year we will be also seeing the next increase for the Tribe (South); It will go up 22 ½ %. Chair Christy asked that all the Board Members be provided with a copy of the Tribal Contract.
- B. **Bermuda Club House Offer:** Chief Martin spoke about the Bermuda Club House Offer of \$100,000.00 that was received 2 weeks ago. The Department/Fire Board accepted the offer which allows the Buyer to move forward with obtaining financing. We need to have this acceptance formally accepted in a Public Meeting. We were notified that the Septic Tank Lid was sealed on the tank and needed to be broken off to have the septic inspection performed. The Septic tank also was dry; water will need to be added to test for leaks. We have not received a letter from the buyer regarding the financing, so Ms. Watson asked Chief Martin to follow up in regards to the buyers Financing. Mr. Ward made a motion to ratify the Clubhouse sale offer. Mr. Clavir seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- C. **PSPRS Pension Board Appointments:** Our PSPRS Pension Board had (2) appointed members that had expired term dates. Chair Christy appointed Mr. Ward and Mr. Clavir to these expired seats for a 4-year term expiring 1-1-25. Mr. Evans made a motion for the PSPRS Appointments. Ms. Watson seconded. Motion passed.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**Chief Harmon:** Chief Harmon informed the Board that we responded to 174 calls this past month with an average response time of 6.7 minutes. We ran (3) mutual aids in San Bernardino County, (4) in Fort Mohave, and (3) out in Golden Shores. As of March 17<sup>th</sup>, Station 82 is open Full Time. Engine Tender 818 was brought into Fire Trucks Unlimited for warranty work. The F250 we purchased from Bullhead City Fire has been moved to Station 84. The GMC that was purchased is having body work done.

**Fire Marshal Gibson:** Fire Marshall Gibson has been doing a lot of work regarding Radio/Communication upgrades. We are going to be replacing some antenna towers at Station 81, 82, 84, and at the ARCO site to obtain better reception; some of these costs will be shared with Bullhead City Fire, and Fort Mojave Mesa Fire Department. These upgrades are needed due to safety. We are still working with the County on how to enforce the Weed Abatement issue. Fire Marshal Gibson also noted that he is currently investigating (2) active fires in Oatman.

**Chief Martin:** Chief Martin told the Board that the new ambulance will be inspected in April and then it will go to Fire Trucks Unlimited to have the stripping and the radio work done. Chief Martin reiterated the need for a new water tender at Station 84 due to water tank corrosion and chassis issues. MVFD has sent crewmembers to a leadership training in Kingman. COVID numbers increased from (1) case to (3) but remain low. Chief Martin believes we are getting close to "herd immunity." Chief Martin told the Board about a call that our Crews responded to 2 weeks ago. The call was for a lady that was pregnant and ready to deliver; she delivered her baby boy in our ambulance right before arriving to Valley View Hospital. Chief Martin is planning a special ceremony to get caught up on Promotion Pinning's and Swearing in positions. Chief Martin thanked the Fire Board for their support and restated that the Crews success had a lot to do with the Boards support in providing them the tools they need to be successful. Everything seems to be going in a very positive direction. Chair Christy wants the Board to think about how the money from the sale of the clubhouse can be used. Chief Martin wished everyone a Happy Saint Patrick's Day.

Mr. Ward made motion to adjourn, and Ms. Watson seconded at 5:47 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Johanna Sanders, Financial Specialist.