

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order by Chair Christy @ 4:56pm, Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Call to the Public – None

Minutes – Mr. Ward made motion to approve Board Meeting Minutes of April 21st; Ms. Watson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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

PUBLIC MEETING

- A. Oatman Fire Department Letter:** Mohave Valley Fire Department received a response letter from Oatman Fire Department regarding the Letter we sent to their Fire Board. The Interim Fire Chief, Michael Maute, has also met with Fire Chief Martin in response to the letter. At the meeting, Chief Martin stated that the only way trust could be rebuilt is if we see steps of improvement and positive changes from Oatman Fire Department. Chief Martin also reiterated that no one should be doing anything outside their scope of education and certification as far as EMS calls go.
- B. Wells Fargo Line of Credit:** The County Treasurer offers a line of credit to each taxing body each year to be able to borrow against future tax receipts. Mohave Valley Fire has never utilized the line of credit; however, it is established for contingency purposes if needed. If the Fire Department had a need to utilize the line of credit, we would still need to obtain prior permission from the Fire Board first. Mr. Ward made motion to approve the Wells Fargo Line of Credit. Mr. Evans seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- C. Workers Compensation Proposals:** Chief Martin discussed the Workers Compensation Proposals for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year. (7710, which is our current carrier and Securis, which is the State Insurance Pool) His recommendation to the Board, is that now is the best time to join the State Insurance Pool. The cost to buy into the State insurance Pool is \$51,465.00 and our quoted premium for the year is \$85,775.00. After answering the Board's questions Mr. Ward made a motion to accept the Securis Workers Compensation Insurance Pool. Mr. Evans seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- D. Preliminary 2021/2022 Budget Adoption:** Chief Harmon provided each Board Member with a copy of the Proposed Preliminary 2021 – 2022 Budget. He explained that the major changes to the Budget included a tax rate increase from \$3.05 to \$3.10, and a 6% increase for the employees. The Grant income in the amount of \$1,494,598.37 includes a Regional AFG Grant for Radios. The Reserve Capital and Reserve Contingency Line items we updated using 2020 – 2021 estimated carry over totals. The Fire Board discussed if there was an actual need for the tax increase because of other expected new income coming from the State, a possible amount being refund for the Transwestern Settlement, and CARES ACT money. Chief Harmon explained that our Budget is developed as a "Revenue only budget" and it would be risky to build the budget using unconfirmed revenue dollars. Mr. Ward made motion to adopt the Preliminary 2021 – 2022 Budget as proposed. Mr. Evans seconded. Chair Christy opposed. Motion passed with a vote of 4 to 1.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Fire Marshal Gibson: Fire Marshal Gibson informed the Board that he and some volunteers had assisted a homeowner who has experienced recent hardship and needed assistance in cleaning up her yard; It took approximately 4 hours. Gibson has been working mostly on the radio process/towers.

Battalion Chief McShea: BC McShea told the Fire Board about a call that they had received regarding a woman in labor. The baby was only 26 weeks and breach. Captain Benjamin and Paramedic Smith successfully performed lifesaving work and delivered the baby. BC McShea recognized these two individuals and presented both with lifesaving recognition pins. McShea reported that we had 199 calls the last 30 days; the average response times for April was 3 minutes and 1 second, which is a decrease of 13 seconds. The total number of IFTs was 12, and we provided Auto and Mutual Aid on 22 calls. We had a total of 115 ALS Transports and 25 BLS transports in the last 30 days.

Chief Martin: Chief Martin attended the County Board Supervisors Meeting because their Agenda had legislation regarding Fire Department Reimbursements for COVID costs. He discussed with them that any reimbursements from the County might impact our current request for funding from the State. Chief Martin asked that the Agenda Item be tabled. It was tabled for 90 days. Chief Martin reported that he believes that our District is getting close to COVID Herd Immunity. There have been 0 COVID case this week reported. The County currently has a burn ban in place, which will probably not be lifted until we receive rain.

Mr. Ward made motion to adjourn, and Mr. Evans seconded at 5:54 pm. Motion carried.
Minutes respectfully submitted by Johanna Sanders, Financial Specialist.