

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order by Chair Christy @ 4:55 pm; 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. Evans made motion to approve the Agenda. Mr. Ward seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Call to the Public – None

Minutes – Mr. Ward made motion to approve Board Meeting Minutes from February 16th; Mr. Evans seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Monthly Bills & Financials – Mr. Ward made motion to approve the February 2022 Bills and Financials. Ms. Watson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC MEETING

- A. Ratify Radio Purchase/IFC Radios and Safety:** The Fireboard needed to ratify the radio purchase through IFC Radios that was discussed last meeting because the Purchase Order was not given the proper timing. Mr. Ward made a motion to formally accept the IFC Radio quote in the amount of \$5,587.27. Mr. Evans seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Budget Timeline:** The Fireboard was provided with the 2022/2023 Budget Timeline. The big items we are still waiting to get “hard” numbers for is Health Insurance and Workers Compensation. Workers Compensation is going to be a significant increase that is impacting all Fire Districts. The Budget workshops will begin in April.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Fire Marshal Gibson: Fire Marshal Gibson informed the Fireboard that we were “caught up” with the Phase 2 El Rio controlled burns. He provided a Radio Tower update explaining that we are waiting on the County to approve the Permits. The delay of approval is because in the past, we did not pull any permits for the towers that were put up. We are now attempting to show proof that these towers are replacement towers, not new towers. The Board was informed that (2) past members (Charlie Washington and Rick Summit) had passed away. Fire Marshal also read an email praising our Crews on how they responded to a 911 call. Last week there was a structure fire on Mt. View and Ann that was purposely set by the homeowner. Crews worked all day attacking the fire and did a phenomenal job.

Fire Chief Martin: Chief Martin also praised our Crews on how they handled the Fire last week. Chief Martin told the Fireboard that we have an opportunity to purchase Bullhead City’s Burn Tower for \$5,000.00 + cost to move it up to Station 82. If MVFD were able to acquire the Tower it would provide significant advantages including allowing us to establish our own training grounds where we can do live fire training, provide additional ISO points to reduce citizens/homeowners Insurance premiums, as well as an opportunity to establish our own Fire Academy. Chief Martin explained to the Fireboard that we are experiencing significant supply challenges; if we were to purchase an Ambulance now, we would not see the Ambulance for two years. Many parts, including tires are limited or not available. Martin expressed his concerns on the impacts that inflation will have on our operation/budget/ability to provide services to our community. The Mohave Valley Fire Department Easter Egg Hunt is going to be held on April 16th. The Event will start at 9:00 am, with a guest appearance from the Easter Bunny.

Firefighter Smith has completed his 1 year probation and was presented with his Badge.

Mr. Ward made motion to adjourn and Ms. Watson seconded at 5:29 pm. Motion carried.
Minutes respectfully submitted by Johanna Sanders, Financial Specialist.