

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order by Chair Christy @ 5:08 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. Ward made motion to approve the Agenda. Mr. Evans seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Call to the Public – None

Minutes – Mr. Evans made motion to approve Board Meeting Minutes from April 20th; Mr. Ward seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Monthly Bills & Financials – Mr. Ward made motion to approve the April 2022 Bills and Financials. Mr. Evans seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC MEETING

- A. Budget Review:** Ms. Sanders presented the 2022.2023 Preliminary Budget to the Fireboard. Revenue: The tax rate will remain at \$3.10. Income is set a highly conservative number. Our Capital and Reserve combine equals more than 4 months operating expenses in case of emergency. Total income reported, including Reserves equals \$8,063,549.08. Expense: Wages include a 3% step increase. Health Insurance did not increase this year. Dispatch number has been increased by \$6,000.00 and Property and Casualty Insurance increased by \$5,000.00n Total Expenses reported equals \$8,063,549.08. The Proposed Budget is balanced. Chief Martin thanked Ms. Sanders for her work into the Budget. Mr. Ward made motion to approve the 2022.2023 Preliminary Budget. Mr. Evans seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Wells Fargo Line of Credit:** Fire Chief Martin explained that the Wells Fargo Line of Credit is renewed annually. It is a line of credit for each taxing entity to utilize if needed. Fire Chief explained that MVFD is in a good place financially and our operations are well planned so there is not a current need for the Wells Fargo Line of Credit. Mr. Ward made motion not to use the Wells Fargo Line of Credit. Ms. Watson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- C. PSPRS Local Board Attorney:** At the PSPRS Conference it was stressed that the PSPRS Pension Board should have their own Attorney on retainer instead of relying on the Fire Departments Attorney. Chair Ward informed the Fire Board that the PSPRS Pension Board was in communication with Goering, Roberts, Rubin, Brogna, Enos & Treadwell-Rubin PC for ongoing legal services and independent legal counsel pursuant to A.R.S 38-847 (N). Mr. Ward has requested a that they do a “compliance check” with our Board to ensure that we are doing what we should be to avoid and litigation. Fire Chief Martin explained that any legal costs from the Attorney are budgeted and would come out of “Legal Fees”

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

BC McShea: BC McShea reported a total of 175 calls in the last 30 days. We did 1 IFT, 51 transports, and 57 non transports reported. We have provided Auto/Mutual Aid to FMFD on 4 calls, San Bernardino County on 7 calls, Golden Shores for 2 calls, and 1 for Oatman. McShea informed that Fireboard that we did purchase the Training Tower from Bullhead City Fire Department. The cost provided to us was originally 5000.00 We obtained it through Auction for \$2367.20. It will be moved to Station 82 by Tuesday, May 24th.

BC Blake: BC Blake informed the Fireboard that they were working on getting a training schedule completed and set up in the Calendar. The Crews responded to a structure fire last night; Almost the whole structure was gone; The Crews worked all night and came out safe.

Fire Marshal Gibson: Fire Marshal Gibson informed the Board that he had just gotten back from doing Wildland for the Crooks Fire. The County is still the "Hold Up" regarding completion/Set up of the Communication Towers. There is a meeting next week with the County Planning Dept. to find out if we can move forward in getting them up. MVFD is not issuing any more burn permits due to the heat and dryness. We will allow current permits to burn, but no new permits will be issued until we receive notification from the County that all burn bans have been lifted.

Fire Chief Martin: Chief Martin informed the Board of multiple fires this past week. The motorcycle rally went well with no real major incidences. Everyone did a great job.

David Eldridge was presented his Engineer Badge after passing his exam and completing his (1) year probation.

Mr. Ward made motion to adjourn and Mr. Clavir seconded at 5:44 pm. Motion carried.
Minutes respectfully submitted by Johanna Sanders, Financial Specialist.