

Mohave Valley Fire Department
4-20-23
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order by Ms. Christy @ 4:55 pm, Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Agenda approval – Ms. Christy made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Ward seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Call to the Public – None

Minutes – Mr. Ward a motion to approve the March 2023 Board Meeting Minutes. Ms. Summitt seconded. Mr. Evans abstained. Motion passed unanimously.

Monthly Bills & Financials – Mr. Ward made motion to approve the March 2023 Bills and Financials. Ms. Watson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

BOARD BUSINESS

- A. **Thank you from Resident:** The Fireboard was provided a copy of a Thank You letter that MVFD received regarding responding to a Fire Alarm needing batteries Easter Sunday. They expressed their gratitude and thanked the responding crew.

- B. **Budget Review:** Ms. Sanders presented the 2023.2024 Preliminary Budget to Fireboard.
Revenue: The tax rate will remain at \$3.10, budgeted to bring in \$2,222,668.00. Expense: Wages include a 6% step increase and an increase to the Paramedic Stipend. The Fuel expenses and utilities are being carefully monitored to ensure we budget appropriately for the next fiscal year. Currently, total Revenue and Expenses are equally budgeted at \$7,617,244.00. The Proposed Budget is balanced.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Battalion Chief McShea: MVFD had a total of 178 calls in the last 30 days with a response time average of 3 minutes and 4 seconds. (Decreased 1 min. 13 seconds) 23 of the calls were Tribal, 6 were Fort Mojave Mutual Aid, 2 were San Bernardino County Mutual Aid, and were 2 Oatman. 84 of the calls were transports, and 32 to were non transports. We took 17 IFT's in the past 30 days and turned down roughly 37.

Fire Marshal Gibson: Fire Marshal Gibson informed the Fireboard that the Tribe has 7 building projects going on between the Farms and the Community; he just approved plans for a multi-story Apartment Complex. Weed abatement letters have been sent out.

Division Chief Clark: Clark provided the Fireboard with a Grant update; MVFD applied for (3) Grants this year for staffing, thermal imaging cameras, Lucas Devices, and a Water Tender for Station 84. Clark also provided an update regarding the School/SWAT and Live Fire Training that has currently been happening.

Fire Chief Martin: Chief Martin started his report by briefing the Fireboard on a significant call our Crews responded to on the evening of Friday, April 14th. He praised the way our Crews cared for the patients involved. The MVFD Easter Egg Hunt was held on April 8th; Chief Martin thanked everyone who made this Community event a success. Chief Martin let the Board know that Mohave County is going to implement a Fee for the Services that the Treasurer, Assessor and County Attorney provide to Mohave Valley.

Firefighter Winn completed his 1-year probation and was presented with his Badge.

Firefighter R. Juarez and J. Pierce were presented with their Engineer Helmets after successfully being promoted.

Ms. Summitt made motion to adjourn, and Mr. Ward seconded at 5:45 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Johanna Sanders, Financial Specialist.