

Mohave Valley Fire Department
6-23-23

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

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

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

Call to the Public – None

Minutes – Mr. Ward made a motion to approve the May 2023 Board Meeting Minutes. Ms. Summitt seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Monthly Bills & Financials – Mr. Ward made motion to approve the May 2023 Bills and Financials. Mr. Evans seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

BOARD BUSINESS

- A. **Gothenburg Ambulance Purchase:** Last month Chief Martin came to the Fireboard asking for permission to possibly purchase a used Ambulance in Gothenburg, Nebraska. The Fireboard gave approval and MVFD was able to secure the purchase of the ambulance. Chief Martin is requesting official Board Approval for the purchase. The final cost of the ambulance was \$27,000.00 and it is already in service. Mr. Ward made a motion to approve the Ambulance Purchase. Mr. Evans seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. **Approval to Dispose Ambulance:** Chief Martin asked for approval to dispose of the Ambulance that will be replaced by the Ambulance Purchased above. MVFD will attempt to Broker it out for \$25,000.00. Mr. Ward made motion to approve disposal of the Ambulance. Mr. Evans seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- C. **Fencing Quotes Training Tower:** The County notified MVFD that we are required to fence in the training tower at Station 82. MVFD went out for bid and received (2) quotes and is still waiting for another to come in. The two quotes that have been received are less than \$20,000.00. McShea asked for Board Approval to accept the quote that meets the requirements not to exceed \$20,000.00. Mr. Ward made a motion to accept the quote that meets the requirements of MVFD if it does not exceed \$20,000.00. The area to be fenced is 635 feet. Ms. Summitt seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- D. **Public Hearing 2023.2024 Proposed Budget:** No Public Comments
- E. **Close Public Hearing:** Ms. Watson closed Public Hearing

- F. **Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget Adoption:** Fire Chief Martin requested that the Board approve the 2023.2024 budget as presented. Revenue equals \$10,499,294 and Expenditures equal \$10,499,294. Mr. Ward made a motion to adopt the presented 2023.2024 Budget. Ms. Christy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Battalion Chief McShea: McShea reported that we were trending more calls each month. Total calls for May were 171. Our response time is an average of 3 minutes and 4 seconds, which we are watching closely. Total IFT's in the last 30 days were (2) due to staffing levels being low. We had 11 non-transport.

Fire Marshal Gibson: Gibson has been working on Flow testing and straightening Hydrant records. Currently, there are many Tribal land projects going on. There is a building going up on Boundary Cone and Apartment buildings off Plantation. The communication towers are up, and we are waiting on two pieces to come in; At that time all our equipment will transfer over.

Division Chief Clark: Chief Clark informed the Fireboard that the cost of the Fire Training Towers would be approximately \$50,000.00. (Including the fencing approved above) The County required a Site Survey to be completed and they are requiring a retention pond to be built also. Getting the Fire Training Towers up is a big Retention tool for our department. The vision is that we can train our own personnel. Clark let the Fireboard know that we were now recording our meetings via Zoom. This will allow our Crews to join the meetings from the other Stations. Clark reported that the used Ambulance made it from Nebraska to our Station without any glitches. Clark gave praise to our mechanic, Rob Gallegos, for all the work he has been doing.

Fire Chief Martin: Chief Martin let the Fireboard know that we had a Crew out in California on a Wildland assignment. BC McShea and Fire Chief Martin attended a Lithium-Ion Battery class through ATF at the Phoenix Fire Academy. The best tactic to handle any fires relating to Lithium-Ion Batteries is to just let them burn out by themselves. Martin thanked Fireboard for consideration of the Budget, which includes the 6% increase for our employees effective July 1st.

Ms. Watson made a motion to adjourn, and Ms. Summitt seconded at 5:20 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Johanna Sanders, Financial Specialist.