

**FRY FIRE DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
November 20, 2013**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Brofer called the Regular Meeting of the Fry Fire District Board to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

Board Members in Attendance: Duane Brofer, Board Chairman  
Art Nash, Board Clerk  
James Barnett, Board Member  
Bess Banister, Board Member  
Gilbert Gil, Board Member

Board Members Absent: None

Others in Attendance: William Miller, Fire Chief  
Linda Romero, Account Technician

**INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE**

Mr. Nash led the pledge of allegiance and Mr. Brofer gave the invocation.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Brofer opened the call to the public at 7:01 p.m.

There was no one to appear before the board at this time.

Call to the public closed at 7:01 p.m.

**FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT/SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

Chief Miller reported that we have made arrangements with the Sheriff's Office to make this station an official drug disposal site for Fry Fire District citizens. The Sherriff's Office will maintain the drop off boxes and will be responsible for the monthly pick-up and disposal of old or unwanted drugs; however, we will not be accepting any used needles.

Chief Miller has also been working with the Sheriff's Office on the possibility of them using our Moson Road site as the regional dispatch center for the county.

The site is four acres in size. The idea is to co-share the site and have the county build out the infrastructure so when we get ready to build we won't be spending money on those items. The final decision will be left up to the board if they (CCSO) pick our site.

Chief Redmond and Chief Miller have started working on a consolidation plan for our departments. Looking five to seven years out, Chief Miller sees additional costs to the residents of the fire district in the form of increases to our health insurance plan, increases in PSPRS, higher personnel costs, losses in assessed values, increased tax levy, possible losses in FDAT (due to Prop 117 which will take effect in 2014 limiting property values to 5% annual increase) and annexations. He also don't see our representatives increasing our maximum levy amount of \$3.25 anytime soon. Chief Miller would like to mention as well that the Fire District Board and City Council members will still be in place under any agreement and that any proposed agreement must be approved by both governmental bodies. (See printed handouts of PowerPoint presentation)

We have selected four new recruits (out of fifteen applicants) to start training in December for our Reserve positions.

Run summary report was included in the paperwork in each board members box. We had 649 responses for the month of October; these calls include both the City of Sierra Vista and Fry Fire District. We're seeing a downward trend in the last couple of months and we are unsure why. In 2012 we had 662 calls for service during the same time frame and we typically see about a 10% increase annually.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

### **A. Review, discussion and possible action on the monthly financial report**

Chief Miller presented the Board with account balances as of October 31, 2013, along with a copy of the report from the Cochise County Treasurer's Office and the bank reconciliation from the District's Cyma Accounting Software. The District is currently out of credit line for the Maintenance and Operating budget.

Mr. Barnett made a motion that the board accept the monthly financial report and agree to the balances as presented. Mr. Gil seconded the motion.

VOTE: 5-0

MOTION CARRIED

### **B. Review and discussion for the warrants issued for the month of October 2013**

Mr. Nash asked what the check to Bound Tree was for. Chief Miller stated that it is for soft EMS supply purchases of the District. Mr. Barnett asked what the check for Purchase Power was for. Chief Miller explained that it was for postage.

There were no further questions regarding the month's warrants.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Regular board minutes of October 16, 2013.

Mr. Nash made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of October 16, 2013. Ms. Banister seconded the motion.

VOTE: 5-0

MOTION CARRIED

## **BUSINESS AGENDA**

A. Arizona Fire District Association Report

Chief Miller reported on the following:

The positions of Vice President; Treasurer; Area Director for areas 2, 4, 6 and the new Area 8 Director (Gila County) will be voted in by the membership in spring / summer 2014. The new Area 8 Director position is also being proposed for the board by an AFDA member. A bylaw change will need to be voted on by the membership in January 2014 for approval.

AFDA is on a temporary three month fiscal / business cycle (October 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013) and will begin the new 2014 fiscal / business year in January. AFDA is pro-rating the AFDA membership dues for the current 3 month temporary fiscal / business cycle and including these prorated amounts with the 2014 membership dues notices, so as such we had a higher bill from AFDA. In addition, the cost for the AFDA handbook was included as a part of AFDA membership dues and was billed with the annual membership invoice.

AFDA is working on some draft language with the legislative taxing committee on the \$3.25 cap. They're trying to tie the tax cap into yearly inflation. AFDA is also looking at "voter approved" override language that could be presented to Fire District citizens in the event current levy amounts do not meet the needs of the Fire District. (See attached handout)

The State Fire Marshal's Office funding has been extended for seven years.

Roy Ryals, the Arizona Ambulance President, has resigned and Charlie Smith has taken over as the President; he was the Vice President.

Just a reminder, Prop. 117 will go into effect next year (2014) and that is the 5% cap on property assessments.

AFDA Summer Conference and Annual Business meeting is scheduled for June 27 and 28, 2014.

Mark your calendar for the AFDA annual meeting in Laughlin, January 16<sup>th</sup> thru 18<sup>th</sup> of 2014. If you're planning to attend please get in touch with either Maria or Linda in the office.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Executive session. Discussion of pending or contemplated litigation with the Copper Queen Hospital regarding patient transports. No action will be taken during the executive session.

Chief Miller informed the board that there is new information on the possible litigation with Copper Queen Hospital.

Mr. Barnett made a motion for the board to enter into executive session. Ms. Banister seconded the motion.

VOTE: 5-0

MOTION CARRIED

Board adjourned to executive session at 7:40 p.m. Board convened regular session at 8:01 p.m.

### **ACTION ITEM**

- A. None

### **REQUESTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no comments/requests from board members for future agenda items.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Barnett made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:02 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Nash.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

DATED THIS 22<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2013.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Art Nash', written in a cursive style.

Art Nash

Board Clerk

Fry Fire District Board