FRY FIRE DISTRICT MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING February 19, 2014

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

Bess Banister, Board Member James Barnett, Board Member Gilbert Gil, Board Member

Board Members Absent:

Others in Attendance:

William Miller, Fire Chief

Maria Gordon, Administrative Manager

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 7:02 p.m.

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

Call to the public closed at 7:02 p.m.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT/SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Chief Miller told the board that he is very proud to announce that for the fourth year in a row, the Fry Fire District has been awarded the "Best of the Best" from the State Compensation Fund of Arizona, now called Copper Point, for reporting of injuries, prevention of injuries and accurate filing of invoices and paperwork. No other business/company has ever been given this award four years in a row!

As you may remember, we have been talking about a new upgraded radio system for the entire county. The Sheriff's office was able to get a private donor to spend

over six million dollars for their system. We have been working with our Sheriff and he has been able to include us in the countywide radio system upgrade as well. This will also be extended to the other county fire and EMS agencies.

We have two of our front-line fire engines out of service. Engine 361 dropped an intake valve that also damaged the piston and cylinder and the cost should be just under \$10,000. Engine 366 was taken in for replacement of leaf springs and it will be repaired by the end of the month. We are looking into getting this one covered by warranty, but if we must pay for the repair, it will be approximately \$4,000.

The roof replacement started on the first of the month, but they have run into several problems from the weight of the multiple roof layers added over the years. Additional work was done to replace several sections of plywood and broken skylights. We also had to call a plumber to replace a gas line that had several rust spots throughout. The gas line supplies all gas to the station. We are still below the \$40,000 the board approved with these additional costs.

In addition to the roof repairs, we are also repairing and replacing an electrical line at our tower site off Hereford Road. We had a major electrical short in the conduit pipe and our contractor will have to re-trench and replace the conduit pipe and electrical wires. We are also currently getting bids to fix our septic tank at station 365. The septic tank lid is from the early 1970's and we are going to upgrade it so we can pump the tank more efficiently.

Chief Miller will be assisting the Tri-City Fire District in Globe, with interviews for their new Fire Chief. This is will be during the second week in March.

Run summary report in your box. We had 741 responses for the month of January.

Our annual awards banquet will be held on March 4 (Tuesday) at Pizzeria Mimosa, so please mark your calendars. They will be shutting the restaurant down that day for the District. Please let Maria or Linda know whether or not you will be able to attend and if you have any special dietary needs.

Run summary report was included in each board members box. We had 741 responses for the month of January.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Maria presented the Board with account balances as of January 2014, 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 has \$501,109.47 in available operating funds.

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

VOTE: 5-0 MOTION CARRIED

B. Review and discussion for the warrants issued for the month of January 2014

Maria pointed out that the expenses were higher than normal for January due to a third payroll in the month. This occurs twice a year on a bi-weekly pay schedule.

There were no questions regarding the month's warrants.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular board minutes of January 14, 2014

Ms. Banister made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of January 14, 2014. Mr. Nash seconded the motion.

VOTE: 3-2 abstentions (Mr. Barnett and Mr. Gil were not at the last meeting) MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS AGENDA

A. Arizona Fire District Association Report

Chief Miller reported on the following:

The Second Regular Session of the 51st Arizona Legislature began on Monday, January 13, 2014. 1184 bills have been filed as of Monday. The legislators would like to get out of session by the end of April.

- 1. H2444: FIREFIGHTER SPECIAL PLATES (support)
- 2. H2489: FIRE ACCESS ROADS; LIMITATION; SPRINKLERS (S1183) (opposed) This is a measure designed to restrict fire agencies from trading off code requirements for fire access roadways in exchange for fire sprinklers on residential sites, which pose difficult access issues for fire equipment.

- 3. H2106: WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE STUDY COMMITTEE (support)
- 4. H2134: FIRE; BUILDING; LIFE SAFETY; CONTINUATION (\$1331) (support)
- 5. H2152: FIRE DISTRICT BOUNDARY CHANGE For changes to the boundaries of a fire district, community park maintenance district or sanitation district, the information that must be included in the boundary change impact statement is expanded to include a description of the planning areas and boundaries of each potentially affected municipality and whether any property proposed to be added to the district is within the planning areas of any municipality. (opposed)
- 6. H2276: PREMIUM TAX REDUCTION Fire Marshal Vol. Pension Fund PSPRS (watch)
- 7. S1156: PROHIBITED ELECTRONIC DATA: METADATA COLLECTION (watch) would prohibit the transfer of specific data from local governments to the Federal Government
- 8. S1231: COUNTYWIDE FIRE DISTRICTS (Striker IGNORE)
- 9. S1348: SPECIAL DISTRICTS; AUDITS; BUDGETS; BOARDS (Senator Crandle FD reform measure) (support)
- 10. S1387: FIRE DISTRICTS; BOARD SIZE; FORMATION (Senator Crandle FD reform measure). Requiring that all fire districts go from a 3-person board to a 5-person board. (amend)
- 11. S1459: FIRE DISTRICTS; DIRECTORS; REQUIREMENTS; MODIFICATIONS (Senator Crandle FD reform measure) Six hours of training during your 4-years plus nepotism regulations. (support)
- 12. S1472: FIRE DISTRICT ASSISTANCE TAX LIMIT (Senator Driggs tax rate cap measure) (support) Dead in committee, will look at a striker bill later.
- 13. S1293: PUBLICITY PAMPHLETS; DISCLOSURE Transparency Bill places additional requirements on local governments in notifying taxpayers concerning the financial impact of bonds. (watch)

We will see the Proposition 13 supporters with another petition drive for 2014.

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

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.

Mr. Nash made a motion to adjourn to executive session. Motion seconded by Mr. Barnett.

VOTE: 5-0

Motion Carried @ 7:53 pm

Regular Session re-convened at 8:05 pm

ACTION ITEMS

A. Review, discuss and possible action to approve "Resolution 2014-001" allowing the Fry Fire District to submit a grant application to the Arizona Highway Safety Plan

Chief Miller informed the board that this is the resolution required for the District to receive funds from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety Grant. We are requesting the board approve the resolution so we may apply for a grant for car seats.

Mr. Barnett made a motion that the board approve Resolution 2014-001. Motion seconded by Mr. Nash.

VOTE: 5-0

MOTION CARRIED

REQUESTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Barnett asked if the District fills swimming pools. Chief Miller said that we do not as we will not utilize the water from water companies for swimming pools and we will not take on the liability of possible damage.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Banister made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:06 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Gil.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

DATED THIS 21st DAY OF FEBRUARY 2014.

Art Nash

Board Clerk

Fry Fire District Board