

**FRY FIRE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
April 15, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ATTENDANCE

Board Members in Attendance: Art Nash, Board Chairman
 Gilbert Gil, Acting Board Clerk
 Robert McMurtrie, Board Member

Board Members Absent: James Barnett, Board Clerk
 Bess Banister, Board Member

Others in Attendance: William Miller, Fire Chief
 Maria Gordon, Administrative Manager

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

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

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Nash 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 told the board that as requested last month, he has attempted to get the Professional Fire Fighters of Arizona (PFFA) President to give a presentation to the board on the state of the Public Safety Personnel Retirement Fund (PSPRS) fund; however, he was unable to make it down here before April 11th. In lieu of him attending we received his presentation that was given to the City of Glendale and that information was forwarded on to the board and our employees on March 24th. Mr. McMurtrie asked if he was correct in his assumption that the board has the option to move away from PSPRS, and possibly consider a 401K or 457B plan, to lessen our burden to PSPRS. Chief Miller explained that this is correct; however, we may limit our employee pool in the future. Maria explained that the

reason this idea failed in the Phoenix area is because firefighters' families will also lose the line of duty death benefit if the firefighter is not covered under PSPRS.

The final report for the ESCI Cooperative Services Feasibility Study was placed in each board member's box for board review. Our next step will be to set up a joint work session with the city council members sometime in May so ESCI can provide an executive summary and Q&A for the decision makers. We also posted the report on our internal webpage for our employees.

On March 10th we had a large brush fire off of Old Spanish Trail. Chief Miller sent the owner a bill for our response, along with the city's costs, in the amount of \$4,329.92 (district \$3,011.65). He paid the invoice in full and was also cited by CCSO for reckless burning.

The roof work on station 366 will begin within the next two weeks.

We had 769 responses for the month of March.

AFDA summer conference June 25-27 at Loews Ventana Canyon. The room deadline is May 26 so please let Maria know as soon as possible whether or not you will be attending.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Review, discussion and possible action on the monthly financial reports for March 2015.

Maria presented the Board with account balances as of March 31, 2015, 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 \$342,062.53 in available operating funds as of March 31. Maria also informed the board that our interest paid on credit line has only been \$285.20, which is much less than our average of approximately \$760. This is in large part due to the rollover funds that provide operating revenue the first couple to few months. Maria also told the board that we have met our budgeted revenue for ambulance billing revenue and have three months left. This is due to an increased call load and will assist us in meeting our rollover funds for next fiscal year.

Mr. Gil made a motion that the board agree with balances and accept the financial report as presented. Mr. McMurtrie seconded the motion.

VOTE: 3-0

Motion Carried

B. Review and discussion for the warrants issued for the month of March 2015.

There were no questions regarding the month's warrants.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular board minutes of March 18, 2015.

Mr. McMurtrie made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of March 18, 2015, as written. Mr. Gil seconded the motion.

VOTE: 3-0

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS AGENDA

A. Arizona Fire District Association Report

Chief Miller reported on the following:

The Legislature adjourned on April 3rd lasting just 81 days; the shortest session in 50 years.

1,163 bills and resolutions posted to date; 345 bills passed, 266 signed by the Governor and ten vetoed.

HB2162: Committee to study fire districts and how they're funded-Signed by the Governor

SB1312: Fire District language revisions to mergers: Signed by the Governor.

SB1455: Special firefighter plate (anyone can get this plate, funding goes to fire school): Signed by the Governor.

HB 2432: Arizona First Responded Day was signed by the Governor that establishes September 27th of each year to recognize first responders. This is not an official holiday.

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 stated that there is a mediation meeting in Phoenix on the 20th with our attorneys and Copper Queen's attorneys.

ACTION ITEM

- A. Discussion and possible action to publish the proposed 2014-15 budget for a public notice hearing on June 17, 2015.

Chief Miller explained to the board that we need to post a public notice in the newspaper to meet the statutes for fire district budgets. He and Maria explained that we are posting at the highest amount as the board has the option to decrease the total budget, but once posted, cannot increase it.

Mr. McMurtrie made a motion that the board approves the public notice for the budget. Mr. Gil seconded the motion.

VOTE: 3-0
Motion Carried

REQUESTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Nash asked if maybe May is too soon to have the ESCI meeting. Chief Miller explained that the May work session would solely be an executive summary and a question and answer period for the board and council. We don't anticipate any meetings pertaining to the study until after budgets are completed and approved in June.

There were no additional questions/requests from the board for future agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Gil made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:35 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. McMurtrie.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

DATED THIS 20th DAY OF APRIL 2015.



Gilbert Gil
Acting Board Clerk
Fry Fire District Board