

**FRY FIRE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
June 17, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Nash called the Regular Meeting of the Fry Fire District Board to order at 7:04 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members in Attendance: Art Nash, Board Chairman
James Barnett, Board Clerk
Bess Banister, Board Member
Robert McMurtrie, Board Member-
telephonically

Board Members Absent: Gilbert Gil, Board Member

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

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

The pledge of allegiance and invocation were done at the budget meeting held immediately prior to the regular meeting.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Nash opened the call to the public at 7:05 p.m.

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

Call to the public closed at 7:05 p.m.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT/SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Chief Miller asked the board to block out July 16th at 4:00pm for the presentation by ESCI on the feasibility study. This will be a question and answer session for board and council members. The location will be at the city council chambers, not at station 363 as previously mentioned. The location move will allow for the session to be televised locally.

On the evening of May 21st, we had someone get into one of our ambulances and steal items out of a drug box. While they were getting back into the medic unit,

they heard the side door of the medic unit shut, which obviously caused them concern. They immediately called for the police department to respond, while one of our firefighters was able to find the suspect and safely confront him in the parking lot. The PD arrived quickly and it turns out that the suspect had indeed taken the drugs from the drug box, and SVPD was able to make an arrest and locate all of the stolen drugs, syringes, and needles.

We had to replace a turbo charger on E366 at a cost of approximately \$3,500.

Sheriff Mark Dannels is looking into a new county-wide dispatch center that will be located in the new hospital. We had a meeting with him on Monday so that we could learn more about where we fit into the bigger picture of centralized dispatching and Chief Miller was able to appoint one of our guys to the committee to represent all the EMS and Fire organizations in the county. The basic plan is that they (CCSO) will be taking over dispatching services for the entire county, and nearly all the cities, to include City of Sierra Vista.

We had to call Sun Valley Roofing back to this station to fix leaks; they continue to do water testing and will repair damages done to our drywall. The repairs will be covered under our warranty.

We have also accepted the resignation of our part-time ambulance clerk Windy Bayne. We have already advertised the position in the local paper and hope to fill that position by the end of next month.

We had 755 responses for the month of May.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Maria presented the Board with account balances as of May 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 \$1,084,532.40 in available operating funds as of May 31.

Mr. Barnett made a motion that the board agree with balances and accept the financial report as presented. Ms. Banister seconded the motion.

VOTE: 4-0
Motion Carried

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

There were no questions regarding the month's warrants.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular board minutes of May 18, 2015.

Mr. Barnett made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of May 18, 2015, as amended during the meeting (board clerk was listed on three members). Ms. Banister seconded the motion. Mr. Nash inquired into the status of the FEMA grant award, reported at last month's meeting, is. Chief Miller informed the board that there would be a demo in the morning at 0830.

VOTE: 4-0

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS AGENDA

A. Arizona Fire District Association Report

There is nothing to report at this time. The summer conference will be next weekend (June 26-28) in Tucson.

B. Presentation of badge to new employee

Chief Miller explained that this item will be placed on next month's agenda as our newest firefighter was unable to attend the meeting this evening.

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 he forwarded an email to the board from our attorneys. There is nothing additional to report at this time.

ACTION ITEM

A. Discussion and possible action to approve resolution 2015-003 adopting 2015/2016 Budget and Salary schedule.

Chief Miller and Maria presented two budgets to the board for consideration. The first budget didn't have an increase to the pay scale and the other had a 1% increase reflected. Maria explained that she is hopeful that we can keep the rate at \$2.99 and roll over enough funds to cover the 1% if that is the direction the board

would like to take. Worst-case scenario, we would still have a rate of \$3.0228, but would really like to keep it below the \$3.00 mark, if at all possible. If there are any additional funds, we would like to roll half into the Capital Reserve Fund and the other half into the Leave Reserve Fund. Maria also explained to the board that our preliminary renewal quote from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona shows a decrease to our premiums, so we would leave the District's portion the same, and will pass the savings on to our employees. For those with dependents, it will allow for roughly \$30-\$50 per pay period savings, depending on elected dependent coverage.

Ms. Banister made a motion that the board approves the 2015/2016 Budget and Salary Schedule, which includes a 1% cost of living adjustment across the board, with the levy to be held between \$2.99-\$3.0228 and any remaining funds being split between the District's Reserve Fund Accounts. Mr. McMurtrie seconded the motion.

VOTE: 4-0
Motion Carried

REQUESTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Barnett mentioned that he will be gone for the next board meeting and asked that Chief Miller confer with the City of Sierra Vista to see if there is any chance that he may remote in to the council chambers for the ESCI presentation on the 16th of July.


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

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Banister made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:03 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Barnett.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

DATED THIS 19th DAY OF JUNE 2015.


~~James Barnett~~ Bess F. BANISTER
Board ~~Clerk~~ member
Fry Fire District Board