

**FRY FIRE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
July 20, 2016**

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: Arthur Nash, Board Chairman
Bess Banister, Acting Board Clerk
Gilbert Gil, Board Member
Robert McMurtrie, Board Member
(telephonically)

Board Members Absent: James Barnett, Board Clerk

Others in Attendance: William Miller, Fire Chief
Michael McKearney, Acting Assistant Chief
Maria Gordon, Administrative Manager

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

Mr. Nash led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mr. Gil delivered 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

Acting Assistant Chief McKearney reported on the following:

We are still working on the BLM land issues surrounding the property located at 5019 Arabian (Fry Fire station #3) with Congresswoman Martha McSally's office. Her office is working with the congressional staff in Washington, as opposed to the BLM office in Tucson.

We are replacing one of the bay doors at Station 361 due to the number of times of having it repaired due to its size. We'll be replacing it with a rollup canister door.

ISO (Insurance Services Office) will be conducting an on-site visit to re-evaluate our department rating. Currently, we are a class 4 fire department in all areas within five road miles of a fire station and a class 10 in the areas outside of those 5 miles. The site visit is schedule for August 31st.

We've have appointed Engineer Ed Shiver as the Acting Fire Marshal. He started on July 11th and is shadowing Chief McKearney. Once Chief McKearney retires (later this year) Ed will have his "acting" title removed and will be assume the full duties as Fire Marshal.

We are having the district's attorney re-visit our IGA with the Cochise County Sheriff's Office regarding our involvement with the SWAT team due to the recent injury to one of our employees and how this will affect our worker compensation policy. She will also be reviewing our current liability insurance policy to see if we're covered because we might be working outside of our coverage policy for a fire department. In addition our attorney was not informed about the amount of involvement our employees have regarding issuing of weapons, carrying of weapons, training in the use of weapons, defensive measures, entry and other related items regarding law enforcement while being on the SWAT team. Our attorney feels our involvement creates a very high liability risk without insurance coverage. She feels we should only be in an EMS support role in a safe zone.

We had 760 responses for the month of June.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Review, discussion and possible action on the monthly financial reports for June 2016.

Maria presented the Board with account balances as of June 30, 2016, 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 rolled \$599,865.81 into fiscal year 16/17 and transferred \$465,000 to the Capital Reserve Fund bringing the fund up to \$1,367,054.32; Volunteer Pension Fund ended with \$8,880.97 and the Leave Reserve Fund ended with \$505,156.20.

Mr. Gil made a motion that the board agrees to the balances presented for the month of June 2016. Mr. McMurtrie seconded the motion.

VOTE: 4-0
Motion Carried

B. Review and discussion for the warrants issued for the month of June 2016.

Mr. Nash asked who the vendor "Arrow International" is. Maria stated that it is not a vendor she is familiar with and doesn't recall. Chief Miller looked them up online and they sell EMS supplies; therefore, it must have been for that. Mr. Nash also asked what we cut to B&B Selectcom. This was for one of the engines.

There were no further questions regarding the warrants for June 2016.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular board minutes of June 15, 2016.

Mr. Gil made a motion to accept the regular meeting minutes of June 15, 2016, as presented. Ms. Banister seconded the motion.

VOTE: 4-0
Motion Carried

B. Budget hearing minutes of June 15, 2016

Ms. Banister made a motion to accept the budget hearing board minutes of June 15, 2016. Mr. Gil seconded the motion.

VOTE: 4-0
Motion Carried

BUSINESS AGENDA

A. Arizona Fire District Association Report

Mr. Nash reported that the last conference had some good classes and he especially like the one that discussed different types of insurance and what they covered.

B. Presentation of retirement axe to Chief Bill Miller

Mr. Nash presented Chief Miller with his retirement axe on behalf of himself, the fire board, citizens of the District and employees of the District. Chief Miller has been with the District for 40 years and we wish him and his family the very best as they venture into the next phase of their lives. Chief Miller gave a speech and thanked his family and staff for all they've done over the years.

OLD BUSINESS

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

Chief McKearney reported that the trial has been cancelled as we have reached a monetary settlement, which will be disclosed to the board in executive session. As a stipulation of the settlement, our employees must inform patients who are closer to Copper Queen that “You reside in an area that is closer to Copper Queen Hospital; therefore, it is our policy to transport you to Copper Queen.” If a patient still wishes to be transported to Canyon Vista, we will respect their wishes and document the patient care report accordingly.

ACTION ITEM

- A. Discussion and possible action to approve an intergovernmental agreement between the Fry Fire District and the Palominas Fire District for shared ambulance and wildland services.

Chief Miller informed the board that the two entities would like to house one of Fry’s medic units at Palominas’s fire station on Highway 92. Fry Fire will provide one person and Palominas will provide another to run the medic unit. The person Fry sends out to Palominas will be backfilled by a Palominas firefighter. The net revenue for calls in that unit will be split 50/50. The other half of the agreement will allow a Fry engine boss to run a Palominas wildland crew, if needed, and vice versa. The personnel costs will be reimbursed in full and the agency providing the engine boss will be reimbursed 30% of the vehicle revenue from the responding truck.

Mr. Gil made a motion that the board approves the intergovernmental agreement with Palominas Fire District for joint ambulance and wildland services. Ms. Banister seconded the motion.

VOTE: 4-0
Motion Carried

- B. Discussion and possible action to approve an intergovernmental agreement between Fry Fire District and Palominas Fire District for the lease of an ambulance for \$1.00 annually.

Chief Miller explained that the two districts would like to register one of the Palominas ambulances under Fry Fire District’s certificate of necessity (CON), through the Arizona Department of Health Services, to be able to utilize as a

back-up unit. This will allow us to have a unit to put into service if one of our front-line units were to be out.

Ms. Banister made a motion to approve an intergovernmental agreement with Palominas Fire District to lease one of their ambulances for \$1.00 annually. Mr. McMurtrie seconded the motion.

VOTE: 4-0
Motion Carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Nash made a motion that the board adjourn to executive session at 7:44 p.m. Ms. Banister seconded the motion.

VOTE: 4-0
Motion Carried

Regular session resumed at 7:57 p.m.

REQUESTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. McMurtrie would like an agenda item added to future agendas to keep the board abreast on how everything is going with the intergovernmental agreement with Palominas Fire District. He would like feedback on a regular basis so that the board will know the pros and cons.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. McMurtrie made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:59 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Gil.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

DATED THIS 22nd DAY OF JULY 2016.



Bess Banister
Acting Board Clerk
Fry Fire District Board