

**FRY FIRE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
May 3, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ATTENDANCE

Board Members in Attendance: James Barnett, Acting Board Chairman
 Gilbert Gil, Acting Board Clerk
 Tom Tucker, Board Member
 Joseph Huish, Board Member

Board Members Absent: Robert McMurtrie, Board Chairman

Command Staff in Attendance: Mark Savage, Fire Chief
 Billy Seamans, Battalion Chief
 Linda Romero, Billing Supervisor/Adm Asst

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

Mr. Barnett led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mr. Gil delivered the invocation.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

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

Mrs. Loucks expressed her concern with hiring a group (James Vincent Group) to prepare the budget at \$3,000/month, which she believes has always been a function of the past Fire Chief. She stated she had every confidence that Chief Savage could do this without the extra expense and expressed her concern regarding another increase to her taxes as they were raised last year.

There were no other comments from the public.

Call to the public closed at 7:06 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular board minutes of April 19, 2017.

Mr. Huish made a motion to accept the regular meeting minutes of April 19, 2017, as presented. Mr. Gil seconded the motion

VOTE: 4-0
Motion Carried

OPERATIONAL UPDATE

Chief Savage provided an operational update to the board regarding the following:

There was an All-Hands/Company Officers Meeting on April 21, 2017, this was well-attended by staff as well as Mr. Huish. During this meeting, FF Dennis Ferrel was elected to fill Chief Savage's seat on the Local Board. Maria is still the PSPRS Board Secretary.

Linda is working with PSPRS on Engol's pending retirement.

There was an Leadership Team Meeting with the BC's as well as the Union VP on April 28, 2017. Some organizational consistency issues were identified in the areas of: training, staffing and overtime. All areas are currently being addressed.

Chief Savage met with the Sierra Vista Fire and Medical Department regarding our current staffing and response procedures and their projected staffing and apparatus changes.

Prior the the SV Herald article on annexation, Chief Savage spoke with Mary Jacobs from the City of Sierra Vista and was advised that this is not likely to take affect until FY 17/18.

Chief Savage met with a representative from High Knolls today, they may pursue annexation into the District depending on the level of community support.

B365 is back from the Sawmill Fire and we have invoiced the state for \$18,786.00 for our personnel and apparatus.

We received a GOHS check for just over \$9,000.00 for a carseat grant.

Budget requests are being received from staff.

Assistant Chief Mirabelli has resigned from the Palominas Fire District.

OLD BUSINESS

A. SBA Tower Contract Update

Chief Savage advised the board that this item remains tabled. SBA has been contacted to provide more information so that we can in turn provide this information to CIS to address their concerns. He's hopeful that SBA's response will address the concerns at hand.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation, discussion and possible action to engage James Vincent Group for financial director services

Chief Savage introduced Ben and Melissa from the James Vincent Group to the board. Ben and Melissa gave a powerpoint presentation and engaged in a question and answer session with the board regarding their services.

Mr. Tucker made a motion to adjourn to executive session. Mr. Huish seconded the motion. Adjourned to executive session at 8:12 p.m. Regular session resumed at 8:40 p.m.

Mr. Huish made a motion to accept the proposal from the James Vincent Group for financial director services. Mr. Tucker seconded the motion.

VOTE: 4:0

Motion Carried

B. Discussion and possible action on Engine Boss IGA

Chief Savage reported that he has sent this IGA to our attorney, Donna Aversa, for review and it has been approved by her as well as our insurance company, Cindy Elbert Insurance Services. With this agreement we would send our Engine Boss with an engine and trained personnel from another agency, who may not have an Engine Boss available. In exchange, we would receive 30% reimbursement on the amount invoiced for the apparatus. There was discussion regarding this amongst the board and Chief Savage, the initial agreement will be with Palominas Fire District.

Mr. Tucker made a motion to approve the Engine Boss IGA ensuring that we send our personnel out with trained, qualified personnel from Palominas Fire District. Mr. Gil seconded the motion.

VOTE: 4-0

Motion Carried

C. Discussion and possible action on Per Diem Firefighter IGA

Chief Savage reported to the board that he still has not received approval on this agreement from our attorney, so this item needs to remain tabled.

Mr. Tucker made a motion to table this agenda item until the board meeting on May 17, 2017. Mr. Huish seconded the motion.

VOTE: 4-0
Motion Carried

D. Discussion and possible action on Human Resource Issues

Mr. Tucker made a motion to adjourn to executive session. Mr. Huish seconded the motion. Adjourned to executive session at 8:56 p.m. Regular session resumed at 9:24 p.m.

There was no action taken on this agenda item.

REQUEST FROM BOARD MEMBERS

There was a request from board to add discussion on possibly changing the district's legal counsel to the agenda for the next board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Gil made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:24 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Huish.

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

DATED THIS 5th DAY OF MAY 2017.



Gilbert Gil
Acting Board Clerk
Fry Fire District Board