

**FRY FIRE DISTRICT**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**June 7, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. McMurtrie called the Regular Meeting of the Fry Fire District Board to order at 6:01 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

Board Members in Attendance:	Robert McMurtrie, Board Chairman Joseph Huish, Board Member Tom Tucker, Board Member
Board Members Absent:	Gilbert Gil, Board Member James Barnett, Board Clerk
Command Staff in Attendance:	Mark Savage, Fire Chief John Popp, Acting Battalion Chief Linda Romero, Billing Supervisor/Adm Asst

**INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE**

Mr. McMurtrie led the Pledge of Allegiance and delivered the invocation.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Mr. McMurtrie opened the call to the public at 6:02 p.m.

There were no comments from the public.

Call to the public closed at 6:02 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Regular board meeting minutes of May 17, 2017

There were no questions regarding the minutes of the regular board meeting on May 17, 2017. Mr. Tucker made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 17, 2017, regular board meeting as written. Mr. Huish seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0

Motion Carried

## **OPERATIONAL UPDATE**

Chief Savage advised that he is meeting with Huachuca City Fire Department this Friday to discuss an automatic aid agreement.

Chief Savage advised that he has had a preliminary discussion with Douglas Fire Department regarding an Engine Boss IGA.

Eight part time firefighters have tested and interviewed, we will have initial training next week and are hoping to pick up a minimum of six with some additional attrition expected to Sierra Vista Fire & Medical Services.

Chief Savage reported that he is working to update the ambulance billing contracts as some haven't been updated since 2009.

Cochise County All-Hazards Incident Support Team meeting went well. BC Seamans and Capt Mauzy will be supporting the team from Fry Fire.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. SBA Tower Contract Update**

Chief Savage advised the board that we are waiting for SBA to contact Sprint as Sprint has an existing contract with us. No action was taken on this item.

### **B. Engine Boss IGA Update (Palominas)**

Chief Savage advised we have received the Engine Boss IGA back from Palominas/Donna Aversa. He also mentioned that the Engine Boss IGA has been sent to the City of Bisbee as well. No action was taken on this item.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Discussion on comparable fire district tax rates / assessed valuations**

Chief Savage provided the board with a spreadsheet he received from James Vincent Group that reflected a comparison of fire district tax rates and increases throughout the state. Our increase is 5.48% and we fall in about the middle per the comparison, despite a decrease in our assessed valuation.

### **B. Discussion and possible action on PSPRS refunds**

Chief Savage advised that we are waiting for specific employee amounts and the calculated interest rate from PSPRS. The employee contribution rate rolled back to 7.65% as of April 2017. Wages and interest will be taxed at different rates. We want to get these lump sum payments done as soon as possible.

He also discussed the PSPRS amortization period of 20-30 years. We are currently 43% funded, the employer rate would drop from 49.89% to 42.13% with the 30-year amortization; this is a way to keep fire districts that are currently at the \$3.25 cap alive. He suggested that as long as we can afford the payment associated with the 20-year amortization period, we should continue to do so. He also gave a comparison to SVFMS and BFD.

#### C. 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 6:19 p.m. Regular session resumed at 6:39 p.m.

There was no action taken on this agenda item.

#### **REQUEST FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

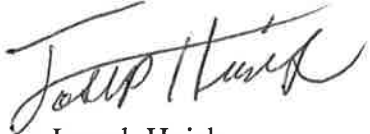
There were no requests from board for future agenda items.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Huish made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 6:40 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Tucker.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

DATED THIS 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2017.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph Huish", written over a horizontal line.

Joseph Huish  
Board Clerk (Acting)  
Fry Fire District Board