

**FRY FIRE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
January 26, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Huish called the Regular Meeting of the Fry Fire District Board to order at 6:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members in Attendance: Joseph Huish, Board Chairman
Eric Andersen, Board Clerk
Thomas Tucker, Board Member (by phone)
Norman Sturm, Board Member

Board Members Absent: Robert McMurtrie, Board Member

Staff in Attendance: Mark Savage, Fire Chief
Diana Jones, Billing Supervisor
Ben Archer Clowes, JVG

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

Mr. Huish led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mr. Sturm gave the invocation.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Mr. Huish reminded board members that they shall declare any conflict of interest. No board member declared a conflict at this time.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Huish opened the call to the public at 6:01 p.m.

There were no comments from the public.

Call to the public closed at 6:01 p.m.

Employee Recognition

A. Firefighter Joshua Steinberg

Chief Savage stated Firefighter/Paramedic Joshua Steinberg has been hired full time. He was not available to attend tonight's meeting.

B. David Deary Citation for Paramedics Austin Nash, Xochitl Baca-Cruz and Kaleb Mauzy.

Chief Savage recognized B-shift personnel from Station 365 including: Battalion Chief/Paramedic Kaleb Mauzy, Firefighter/Paramedics Xochitl Baca-Cruz and Austin Nash, Engineer/EMT Ben Keating, Firefighter/EMT Richard Yocupicio, and EMTs Andrew Vidinski and Brice Madden for actions on October 15, 2020. The crew deployed the Lucas Device while working a cardiac arrest patient. Mr. Harmon and his wife were present to thank personnel for saving his life. Chief Savage presented the David Deary Unit Citation to Xochitl Baca-Cruz, Austin Nash and Richard Yocupicio, who were at the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular Board Meeting on December 22, 2020.

Mr. Sturm made a motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes of December 22, 2020. Mr. Andersen seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-0.

Motion Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Review, discussion and possible action on the monthly financial report for December 2020.

Ben Archer Clowes from James Vincent Group (JVG) gave a PowerPoint presentation reflecting the financial reports for December 2020. A discussion followed. The board reviewed the warrants for the month and there were no questions. Mr. Archer Clowes also presented an overview of this year's budget process highlighting limitations on funding, 2021 expenditures, and the FY2022 budget development and adoption schedule.

Mr. Andersen made a motion to accept the December 2020 financial reports. Mr. Sturm seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-0.

Motion Carried.

COMMAND STAFF'S REPORT

The 55th Arizona Legislature session is open and running. A short summary of recently proposed legislation was forwarded to the board members. We will continue to watch several of these bills as they develop and keep the Board apprised of any significant developments. Of particular interest are two that deal with the calculated rates of worker's compensation insurance as it relates to cancer coverage, and PSPRS funding.

We are continuing to work closely with the Cochise County Health Department and the Office of Emergency Management to support the Countywide COVID-19 response. Jared Haros has coordinated and supervised 7 Covid-19 Vaccination Clinics both here and in

Douglas that have provided over 700 vaccines to healthcare workers and high-priority patients.

Our Type 3 Engine is back from California after two severity assignments.

We recently purchased 3 iPad tablets for our front-line ambulances on a grant from the Legacy Foundation. EMS software has been installed and we are currently running a trial with Chiricahua Health to help low-acuity patients without access to the internet set up and attend telemedicine appointments. An added benefit of the tablets is we are also able to use them during PODs to check-in and document patients who receive vaccinations.

JVG completed our payroll tool and trained Heather Stanger on payroll processing. Last payroll was her first and the transition was seamless.

We are working to sell a second reserve ambulance along with B366 which has given us strong service since 2005. The new Type 6 Engine in-service training has been completed and it is now in service at Sta. 365. Members of the board were invited to look it over. Battalion Chief Billy Seamans, Engineer Michael Kean, and Mr. Jimmy Ayers completed the pre-construction visit to Spartan for the Type 1 Engine with delivery anticipated in December of this year.

There is nothing to report on Southeast Arizona Communications. We are continuing to work on an additional repeater site on the West End of Sierra Vista and repairs to the Fire 3 frequency.

Sierra Vista Fire and Medical renumbered one of their ambulances and increased part-time EMS staffing to provide better coverage during peak hours. We are continuing to collaborate with them on vaccine delivery.

Chief Savage met with Mr. Evans, the new Whetstone Fire Board Chair, and offered our support. Whetstone Fire District is currently advertising for a new Fire Chief.

OLD BUSINESS

A. WFHF 18-207 Grant Update.

Chief Savage reported the WFHF 18-207 Grant Extension request was granted through August 31, 2021. We are continuing to try and engage private contractors to perform fuel reduction work and developing a plan for our own part-time fuels reduction team.

No motion was taken on this item.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Review, discussion and possible action on Resolution 2021-001 regarding 2021 Assistance to Firefighters Grant application.

Chief Savage stated the requested grant funding would support additional repeater site(s)

for the Fire 2 frequency and improve coverage across our service area. A discussion followed.

Mr. Sturm made a motion to approve the Resolution 2021-001 regarding the 2021 Assistance to Firefighters Grant application. Mr. Andersen seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-0.

Motion Carried.

B. Review, discussion and possible action on a Commercial Lease for Office Space during Fire Station 365 remodel.

Chief Savage requested the board's approval to lease a commercial office space for the administrative staff during the renovation of Sta. 365 for approximately one year beginning as soon as next month. A discussion followed.

Mr. Sturm made a motion to approve the lease of Commercial Office Space for one year not to exceed \$2000.00 monthly. Mr. Andersen seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-0.

Motion Carried.

C. Review, discussion and possible action on Regular Board Meeting dates and times.

Chief Savage shared that the conflict Mr. McMurtrie had previously with the current meeting date and time was resolved.

No action was taken on this item.

REQUEST FROM BOARD MEMBERS

There were no requests from the board members.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Andersen made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:10 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Sturm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

DATED THIS 27th DAY OF JANUARY 2021.

Eric Andersen, Board Clerk
Fry Fire District Board