

FRY FIRE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
May 15, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

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

ATTENDANCE

Board Members in Attendance:

Duane Brofer, Board Chairman
Art Nash, Board Clerk
James Barnett, Board Member
Bess Banister, Board Member
Gilbert Gil, Board Member

Board Members Absent:

Others in Attendance:

William Miller, Fire Chief
Maria Gordon, Administrative Manager

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

Mr. Nash led the pledge of allegiance and Mr. Brofer gave the invocation.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Brofer opened the call to the public at 7:02 p.m.

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

Call to the public closed at 7:02 p.m.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT/SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Chief Miller informed the board that we recently had CIS come in to triple our internet speeds at all three stations. We are now receiving approximately 15 Mps as opposed 5 Mps.

In the last month, we have re-programmed all of radios to reflect the County's PL changes and frequencies.

We are working on changing our response plans with Sierra Vista Fire Department to better utilize our manpower and equipment. We might share personnel depending upon their area of expertise. Examples of areas of expertise are extrication, Technical Rescue Team, Haz-Mat and Wildland. (Operational response change/handouts given to each board member).

Terry Mullins, the Arizona Department of Health Services Bureau Chief, will be visiting us on May 23rd.

We terminated one of the new Reserve/Firefighters, as he was unable to meet our standards. We now have six Reserves.

Also included in board member boxes was a nice letter and donation from Mr. and Mrs. Cordova. The donation is for two oxygen masks that can be used on dogs, which has a total cost of \$174.31.

The AFDA summer conference dates have been announced. The conference will take place June 28th and 29th at the Loews Ventana Canyon Resort in Tucson.

New Run summary reports are in the board members boxes. We had 741 responses for the month of April. These calls include both the City of Sierra Vista and Fry Fire District.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Maria presented the Board with account balances as of April 30, 2013. We have preliminary budget figures to present to the board during the new business portion of tonight's meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Barnett made a motion to accept the regular board meeting minutes of April 17, 2013. Mr. Gil seconded the motion.

VOTE: 5-0
MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS AGENDA

A. Presentation of badges (promotion of Engineers)

Chief Miller asked Danny Furnia and Bronson Lacaillade to join him in front of the board. He read about pride in the badge and had each newly promoted engineer bring up family members to pin their new badges on them. Chief Miller

and the board congratulate each employee on their hard work and congratulate them on their promotions.

B. Review of warrants issued for April 2013

Mr. Nash inquired as to what the District purchases from United Fire as there are often checks to them on the check registers. Maria explained that we purchase protective gear as well as several truck parts.

There were no further questions regarding the month's warrants.

C. Arizona Fire District Association Report

Chief Miller gave a brief report on the legislative session. There have been 1,147 bills posted, 227 bills passed and 201 signed by the Governor with twelve VETOS.

The regular session was to end on May 4th, but has been extended due to getting the state budget completed and dealing with AHCCCS. The governor has indicated that she will not sign any more bills until both houses move on passing her AHCCCS recommendations.

HB2347 will allow the county to invest in fire district warrants and cover at the very least operational costs if a fire district is having difficulties in tax collections or other financial mishaps. Before this bill, many of the counties were already covering districts, but this bill will now make it legal for them if they elect to.

HB2572: FIRE DISTRICTS; FINANCIAL STANDARDS: AFDA request to address calls for various financial reforms by legislators. In summary, HB2572 requires fire districts to reconcile all fund accounts for each calendar month within 30 days after the end of the month, and the fire district board must review the accounts monthly. Fire districts are required to produce monthly financial reports in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles to include cash flow projections for each fiscal year, and the fire district board must review the updated cash flow projections each month. Any financial report or cash flow projection that indicates an adverse impact on ongoing operations or liquidity must be reported to the county treasurer and the county board of supervisors within 10 days after the discovery. AFDA is supporting and sponsoring this bill. We are already meeting the intent of this bill. Passed the house 59-0. Passed out of the Senate 26-1-3. The bill will now go to the Governor's office. This bill may not be signed due to the budget, Medicaid and AHCCCS issues.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Executive session to discuss pending or contemplated litigation with the Copper Queen Hospital regarding patient transports.

Mr. Barnett made a motion that the board adjourn to executive session. Mrs. Banister seconded the motion.

VOTE: 5-0

Motion Carried at 8:00 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 8:43 p.m.

Chief Miller informed the board that he had a meeting with Dr. Roe and the Copper Queen attorney on May 13, 2013. Dr. Roe agreed to the following in hoping to end the disputes on patient transports:

- He will look at the map provided and look for a defined area other than “zip code 85615”
- He will meet with Dr. Everett Castle to discuss the opportunities of patient choices and the medical differences between Copper Queen and Sierra Vista Regional Health Center. From that meeting, Dr. Roe, or his designee, will develop a training orientation that will be approved by Dr. Castle and Chief Miller for the employees of Fry Fire District and the City of Sierra Vista on the differences of the two medical facilities.

ACTION ITEM

- A. Review, discussion and possible action to publish the proposed 2013-2014 for a public hearing on June 19, 2013.

Chief Miller brought up a presentation on the screen and Maria gave each board member a copy. The proposed budget for the public hearing is with the budget at the maximum levy rate. Once published, we can lower the budget amount; however, we cannot increase after posting. The budget that will be presented at next month’s meeting will be less than the current 2012-13 budget, pending no increases proposed by board members prior to the meeting. Our levy rate will have to increase, due to the lower assessed valuations. Maria gave each board member a copy of the proposed budget for next year.

Mr. Nash made a motion that the board approve the publishing of the budget for the public hearing on June 19, 2013. Mrs. Banister seconded the motion.

VOTE: 5-0

MOTION CARRIED

REQUESTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chief Miller mentioned to the board that we are currently trying to enter into an ambulance billing agreement with Rincon Valley Fire District.

There were no comments/requests from board members for future agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Nash made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:51 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Barnett.

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

DATED THIS 17th DAY OF MAY 2013.

Art Nash
Board Clerk
Fry Fire District Board