

**FRY FIRE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
June 19, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Brofer called the Regular Meeting of the Fry Fire District Board to order at 7:03 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members in Attendance: Duane Brofer, Board Chairman
Art Nash, Board Clerk
James Barnett, Board Member
Gilbert Gil, Board Member

Board Members Absent: Bess Banister, Board Member

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 7:05 p.m.

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

Call to the public closed at 7:05 p.m.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT/SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Chief Miller informed the board that after his meeting with Dr. Roe on May 13th, he has allowed him to give our employees a short presentation on the capabilities and services of the Copper Queen Hospital. We will discuss this more in depth in the executive session.

On May 23rd, Terry Mullins the ADHS Bureau Chief visited us and we provided an overview of Fry Fire District. Chief Miller discussed our possible litigation with the Copper Queen Hospital. He has provided us a letter stating that the

Arizona Department of Health Services feels that we are doing everything correctly according to state statutes and rules.

We have re-painted the classroom and added a trophy case to display awards and firefighting historical items.

We have made some minor upgrades to the communication receiving capabilities at station #1 that will improve hearing the emergency traffic and tones.

We auctioned off the following vehicles on the Public Surplus site:

1996 Ford ambulance for \$6,600

1998 Chevrolet brush truck for \$11,400

2002 Ford ambulance for \$12,000

Total sales are \$30,000

Rincon Valley Fire District's board has decided to hold off on changing ambulance billing companies. We are hopeful that they will change their minds in the future to sign up for our billing services.

Our employees returned Monday from the fires in New Mexico and were deployed to the fires in Prescott today.

Sheriff Dannels has requested the Fry Fire District provide some driver training and CPR classes to the Sheriff's Assist Team and we have honored that request.

Chief Miller was very proud to announce that for the third straight year in a row, the Fry Fire District has been awarded the "Best of the Best" from the State Compensation Fund of Arizona, for reporting of injuries, prevention of injuries, and accurate filing of invoices and paperwork.

AFDA summer conference dates have been announced, they are June 28th and 29th at the Loews Ventana Canyon Resort.

New Run summary reports provided to board members. We had 744 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 May 31, 2013. All other financial information will be given during action item A when we discuss the upcoming budget.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Barnett made a motion to accept the regular board meeting minutes of May 15, 2013. Mr. Nash seconded the motion.

VOTE: 4-0

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS AGENDA

A. Review of warrants issued for May 2013

Mr. Barnett inquired as to what the District purchases from WellAmerica. Chief Miller explained that our suppression personnel must see Dr. Peate for physicals annually, or every other year dependent on age, and they take place towards the end of each fiscal year.

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

B. Arizona Fire District Association Report

Chief Miller gave a brief report on the legislative session. There have been 1,147 bills posted, 282 bills passed and 201 signed by the Governor with 17-vetos. The regular session adjourned on June 14th. There are 81 current bills awaiting action by the Governor.

SB1057: AHCCCS; AMBULANCE SERVICES; RATES was DEAD is now included with the regular budget. This was a joint effort by the AAA and AFDA to address ambulance rates for Medicaid insured / reimbursed transport services.

- a) Contract year October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013 - 68.59% (the current rate)
- b) Contract year October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014 - 68.59% (the current rate)
- c) Contract year October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015 - 74.74%.
- d) Thereafter, the rate reverts to the statutory rate of 80%.

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. Mr. Nash seconded the motion.

VOTE: 4-0

Motion Carried at 8:11 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 8:41 p.m.

The board agreed that no action will be taken at this time and this item will remain on our agenda for future meetings. (This agenda item was moved and took place after the action items)

ACTION ITEM

A. Adoption of resolution 2013-002 adopting 2013/2014 Budget and Salary schedule

Chief Miller brought up a presentation on the screen and Maria gave each board member a copy. The spreadsheet listed homes within the fire district and showed current and future impact of the tax levy imposed by the District. The overall budget increased just under \$15,000, with the largest increase being to the retirement and insurance costs. Our levy rate may have to increase, due to the lower assessed valuations; however, due to lower personnel costs, which lessened the overtime costs, we should be able to roll over more into the upcoming budget and lower the levy rate that was previously discussed.

Mr. Barnett made a motion that the board approve the budget as presented, not to exceed a maximum levy rate of \$2.86. Mr. Gil seconded the motion.

VOTE: 4-0

MOTION CARRIED

B. Discussion and possible vote to amend the Automatic Aid agreement for Fire protection and other Emergency services with the City of Sierra Vista dated July 1, 2010

Chief Miller and the board discussed the proposed changes, which include Fry Fire providing one employee to staff the Basic Life Support ambulance for Sierra Vista Fire Department in exchange for Fry Fire receiving dispatch services and combined training at no charge.

Mr. Gil made a motion to accept all changes to the agreement. Mr. Nash seconded the motion.

VOTE: 4-0

MOTION CARRIED

REQUESTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Nash made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:43 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Barnett.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

DATED THIS 21st DAY OF JUNE 2013.

Art Nash
Board Clerk
Fry Fire District Board