



“Committed to Our Community”

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES July 28, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Board Chairman David Cummings, Board Chairman Cummings led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Board Chairman: David C. Cummings
Board Clerk: Charles Moore
Board Member: Norma Brummett
Board Member: Ralph Mauzy

Absent:

Board Member: Karen Flenniken

Staff Present:

Fire Chief: Patrick Moore
Assistant Fire Chief: Scott Neal
Administrative Manager: Paula Acker

CONSENT AGENDA

Board Member Mauzy motioned to accept the consent agenda which included the following:

- A. Approval of Minutes – June 23, 2020
- B. Acceptance of June 2020 Financial Reports

Board Member Moore seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion carried.

REPORTS

Fire Chief's report

Fire Chief Patrick Moore provided an overview of the Fire Chief and Operations memorandum that was provided in the Board packet today and attached to the official Governing Board meeting minutes. Chief Moore advised the Board the following: The new E1 Engines are in transit to Phoenix, we expect delivery mid to late August. He stated the apparatus committee has been working to get the equipment for the new engines along with the platform engine to place in service.

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Inspections of fire hydrants in the Fire District #3 area have been completed by (CRR) Community Risk Reduction, he stated the CRR department has been very busy working on the hydrant inspections along with multiple fire inspections this past month.

The MOU for FY 2020-21 has been agreed upon by the labor and administration and has been sent to Attorney Bill Whittington for review, it will be presented to the Board for approval at the August public meeting.

Chief Moore updated the Board on COVID-19, we have had five (5) employees who have tested positive, two have returned to duty. PPE supplies and call volume continue to be evaluated and an inventory sheet and call statistics are attached to the minutes.

Chief Neal gave a brief update on the storage building build at station #2. He stated through the RFQ process Arizona Steele submitted a quote and contract, we have received the contract back from Attorney Bill Whittington and forwarded to AZ Steele for approval. The facility committee will meet tomorrow to discuss the layout and needs for the new station #2 build.

BUSINESS

JPA Direction to staff

Chairman Cummings stated the Board needs to give direction to staff regarding the Joint Powers Authority (JPA). He stated Fort Mohave Mesa Fire District Board (FMMFD) has voted not twice to move forward and Mohave Valley Fire District Board (MVFD) is 3-2 in favor of the JPA.

Chairman Cummings stated it is his opinion that the JPA is dead in the water, if we were to create a JPA with MVFD only, a new study would have to be done by the James Vincent Group with additional costs to both departments. He also stated that both Boards would have to have a unanimous vote in order to move forward. He still thinks the JPA is a good idea although at this time he does not think we should move forward.

Board Member Mauzy stated he agrees with the Board Chairman at this time, he believes spending more time and money would not be wise. He stated with MVFD having a 3-2 for the JPA does not make a unanimous vote. He stated his opinion is to not move forward at this time, maybe in the future there may be full support with all three Districts and can be revisited.

Board Member Brummett stated since FMMFD decision to not participate, it changed the outcome. She stated she believes the JPA is a really good idea although at this time with only one District interested it does not look like it would work well and at this time she would agree not to move forward with the JPA.

Board Member Moore stated he has been pushing for a JPA for the last 15 years, he was on a department that merged into a JPA and it works. He stated he believes we are at a standstill right now, that some personal opinions got in the way instead of being objective and hopefully at some future date it can be brought up again. He said the restrictions with revenue and cost of living where the Departments will have to revisit the JPA. He stated he is very disappointed that there is not enough interest with the other District to move forward.

Mohave Valley Fire District Fire Chief Ted Martin addressed the Board, he stated MVFD did have a majority vote 3-2, they felt there is prudence to move forward. he said the Board was interested not only in the JPA but also idea to move forward for the opportunity to share operational efficiencies. He stated this was only a financial study, salaries, health coverage, who would become the Chief would not be discussed at that level until a joint Board would have been made. He believes it comes down to personal agendas. He stated the JPA comes down to efficiencies in operations and benefits the taxpayers of all three Districts.

Chief Moore stated he feels the reason the JPA is not moving forward is petty politics, the study showed a savings of over a million a year for all three Districts along with better services and protection in operational procedures along the entire river valley community. He stated he stands behind the study and is disappointed in the outcome.

The Board commended all three District Officers for the work put into this study.

Board Chairman Cummings made a motion to direct staff not to move forward with the JPA at this time, Board Member Moore seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

Capital Funding designation for FY 20/21

Chief Moore explained a strategic capital plan has been created and we now need to update our capital line item to reflect the current balance of \$1,031,652 which includes carryover of \$539,032 from FY 19/20. Board Member Moore made a motion to encumber the entire carryover from FY 19/20 of \$539,032 into the capital line. Board Member Mauzy seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

Station #2 Bond update

Chief Neal stated the contract for the outbuilding at station #2 should be back this week, Chief Moore stated as we continue with the Station #2 build we may have to meet more frequently for time sensitive issues.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/BOARD DIRECTION TO STAFF

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Recorded by,



Paula Acker
Administrative Manager

Approved by,



David C. Cummings, Chairman
Fire District Board



Charles Moore, Board Clerk
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