



“Committed to Our Community”

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES May 28, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Board Clerk, Charles Moore. Board Clerk, Charles Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Board Clerk: Charles Moore
Board Member: Ralph Mauzy
Board Member: Karen Flenniken
Board Member: Heather Petrillo

Absent: Board Chairman: David C. Cummings

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

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations this month.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board Member Mauzy motioned to accept the consent agenda as presented; Board Member Petrillo seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There was no response to the Call to the Public.

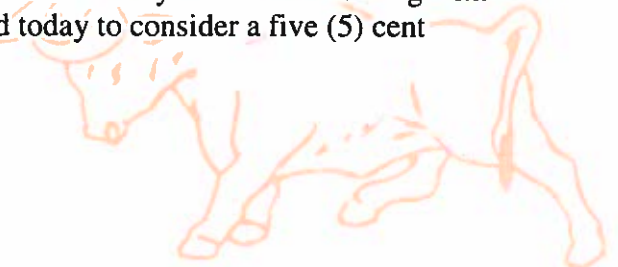
REPORTS

Firefighters' Community Report

Captain Tom Queen, PFFA Local 3647 president addressed the Board. Captain Queen stated he will be attending the state PFFA convention tomorrow and will report back to the Fire District Board if there is any pension relief plans in the state. He also stated they have been working with the Fire Chief on the upcoming budget and asked the Board today to consider a five (5) cent increase in the tax rate.

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- 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: Cheryl Stephenson, Prevention office specialist, will be retiring with the BCFD as of June 13, 2019 and Battalion Chief, Craig Stephenson will be retiring June 25, 2019. Chief Moore expressed his gratitude for their dedication and commitment to this organization. Chief Moore updated the Board on training by stating Captain McCabe headed up wildland preparedness drills, Blue card testing and pack card testing for wildland responses this past month.

Chief Moore advised the second remount from Fire Trucks Unlimited (FTU) is completed and after inspection will be placed in service at station # 3.

The Platform Engine is currently being equipped and outfitted, training will be done prior to going into service around late summer.

Chief Moore stated we have purchased two staff vehicles in accordance with our capital plan, of the two Dodge Durango's purchased, one will have stripping and lights. He stated we will possibly surplus two older staff vehicles next month.

Logistics Report

Chief Neal provided a Logistics report that was provided in the board packet today and attached to the official Governing Board meeting minutes. Chief Neal updated the Board on the following:

Chief Neal gave an update to the Lexipol policy manual, the supplemental policy manual has been completed and will be ready for review and Board decision at the June meeting. He advised the station swamp cooler maintenance has been completed. He stated the water usage for the swamp coolers will be tracked this summer to see what the impact is using swamp coolers versus another type of system.

A new AC unit was replaced at station # 6, 2025 Clearwater Dr.

Chief Neal stated the sale of a surplus chassis, 2008 Chevrolet, sold via Gov-Deals for \$1,820.00.

He stated the Bay door inspection at all stations is in progress with repair and replacement of new panels at station #1.

Chief Neal advised that BCFD will continue to maintain hydrants that are owned by the district and advised that recently we replaced hydrants at station #1, 1260 Hancock Rd., and Station #2, 1230 Hwy 95. The hydrants were replaced due to more usage for training. He also advised the mechanics at station #2 will be taking an EVT test later this week at Fort Mohave Fire District which is listed as a testing site for EVT.

Board Member Mauzy inquired about the hold on the extractors for turnouts. Chief Neal stated the extractor projects sits with the City of Bullhead City for permits and inspection should start later this week. He explained there is a breaker panel at station #6 that will need to be replaced prior to installation of the extractor.

EMS Report

EMS Manager Forrest Taylor was absent from the meeting; no report was given.

Fire Prevention Report

Chief Dykens was absent from the meeting; no report was given.

BUSINESS

Fiscal Year 2019-20 Proposed Budget

The Board was provided information for the proposed budget and a memorandum of the draft budget is attached to today's official Governing Board Public meeting minutes. Chief Moore explained the proposed budget line items and stated the Board has been provided with a preliminary budget which is similar to last year's budget. He also provided options for a tax rate increase. He stated there are six or seven operational improvements that could be made if the rate was increased.

Chief Moore explained the proposed budget line items and the impact of an increase to the tax rate.

Board discussion continued on concerns of a possible rate increase and ability to provide a COLA and or step without raising the tax rate.

Board Member Petrillo stated she has concerns raising the rate and would like to see if a COLA could be provided at the current \$3.15 tax levy rate.

Board Member Mauzy stated the current rate makes the budget tight and he would like to raise the rate to \$3.20 for a COLA.

Board Member Flenniken stated she too would like to keep the \$3.15 current tax rate.

Board Member Moore stated he would like to see a five (5) cent raise in the rate increasing it to \$3.20.

Board Member Mauzy made a motion to raise the rate to \$3.20, Board Member Moore seconded the motion. Two were in favor, two opposed, the motion did not carry.

Board Member Petrillo motioned to keep the tax levy rate at \$3.15, Board Member Flenniken seconded the motion. Two were in favor, two opposed, the motion did not carry.

Discussion continued on a possible COLA at the \$3.15 rate and concerns of raising the rate and impact for the citizens of Bullhead City.

Board Member Moore made a motion to approve the 2019-20 tax rate to be set at \$3.15, Board Member Flenniken seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/BOARD DIRECTION TO STAFF

Board Member Moore would like a discussion, possible action item on the next Board meeting in regard to moving the Fire District Board meetings back to Station #1.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

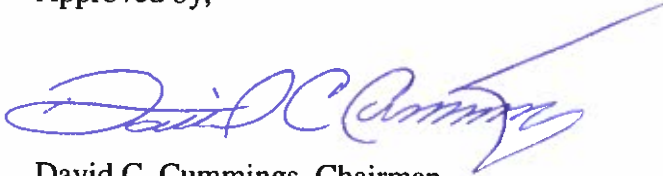
Meeting adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

Recorded by,



Paula Acker
Administrative Manager

Approved by,



David C. Cummings, Chairman
Fire District Board



Charles Moore, Board Clerk
Fire District Board

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