

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE VERNON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD

April 24, 2018, at 6:30pm at the Vernon Public Library, Vernon, AZ

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Time: 6:34pm
2. **Roll Call:** Tony Anderson, Jodie Humphrey, Steve Miller, Sara King, and Steve Coombs all present.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer:** Prayer given by Chief Niehuis.
4. **Recognition of Guests:** Elizabeth Tillerson and Jean Gorh were presented.
5. **Call to the Public:** No member of the public responded.
6. **Reports and Correspondence:**
 - A. **Chair Summary:** None given.
 - B. **Chief's Report:** Chief Niehuis presented his report with discussion.
 - C. **Financial Report:** Barbara Barclay presented the financial report with discussion.
7. **Consent Agenda:**
 - A. **BAI-042418-001 Approval of March 20, 2018 Board Meeting Open Session minutes.**
 - B. **BAE-042418-002 Motion that the Board has received and reviewed the Financial Report for March 2018.** Director Anderson made the motion to approve items A. and B. as presented. Director Miller made the second. Vote: Unanimous "Yes".

Motion passed.
8. **Business:**
 - A. **Discussion and possible action regarding the repairs and tire replacement of Fire Trucks T-25 and T-26.** Discussion followed with no action taken.
 - B. **Discussion and possible action regarding increasing the spending limit for the Chief.** Discussion. Director Miller made the motion to increase the Fire Chief's spending limit from \$2,500 to \$6,000 without Board approval. Director Anderson made the Second. Vote: Unanimous "Yes". Motion passed.

C. Discussion of Board meeting dates for May and June. Discussion followed with Board consensus for May 15th for the regular May board meeting and June 12th for a public hearing for the proposed 2018-2019 Budget, followed by a regular board meeting to consider approval of the 2018-2019 Budget. July 24th will be the date for the July regular board meeting.

D. Work session to discuss and to take action in formulating a preliminary 2017-2018 budget. This will be a line-by-line review by the Board of the proposed Budget as submitted by the Chief. Discussion of the 2018-2019 Budget. The Board directed staff to adjust the proposed Budget to include a stipend of \$6,500 (5%) for the Chief and a 5% increase in wages for staff and firefighter. The Board directed the Chief to construct A wage scale for the firefighters at his own discretion.

9. **Future Agenda Items:** A suggestion was made to include a possible Policy Manual review and change for the next board meeting.

10. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Director Miller, Second by Director Anderson. Vote: Unanimous "Yes". Motion passed. Time: 8:13pm