

VERNON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 26, 2016

1. Call to order at 1900
2. Prayer
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call – Jodie Humphrey present, Dorothy O’Donnell absent, Tony Anderson present, Steve Miller Present, Bill Miketta present.
5. Chair Summary – Read code conduct at meetings (attached) Chair also stated that the rumors about Jodie Humphrey were not true and she did not resign.
6. Statement by Bill Miketta – “Point of Order” violates By-Laws (attached) Jodie Humphrey suggested that the statement be read in the Call to the Public to alleviate any problems. Chair tabled statement until Call to the Public
7. Consent agenda
 - A. June 28 2016 meeting minutes – Bill Miketta motioned to approve meeting minutes as written. Jodie Humphrey 2nd. Vote: Unanimous

Bill Miketta motioned to accept the minutes on the consent agenda as written. Jodie Humphrey 2nd Tony Anderson Aye, Jodie Humphrey Aye, Bill Miketta Aye, Steve Miller Abstained. Minutes approved

8. REPORTS

- a. Chief’s Report – (see attached)
- b. Financial Report – The June monthly financial report was reviewed by Board, we received \$12,512.42 in property tax payments, \$872.49 in other revenue. We ended the month of June with \$266,033.25. Admin was happy to report that the end of the year’s numbers looked very good. In 2015 we carried over 236,637.47 and at the end of 2016 Fiscal year we have \$266,033.25 in carryover for operations. We have \$81,000 in the equipment fund, \$16,000 in Payroll account, have paid off one rig, had a cement driveway redo, bought a new vehicle, and paid an extra Station payment due in 2016/17 yr. budget ahead of time. We had over \$80,000.00 in wildland billing and are waiting for one last check for \$22,000.00. We had a very good year even though they severely dropped our income for this fiscal year.

9. BUSINESS

- A. **Discussion and possible Action:** Resolution 2016-003 Annexation boundaries and possible cutoff date for EMS & Fire Services – “Point of Order” by Steve Miller (attached) Chief states that all is going well with the Plan for Annexation and he does not need a resolution for cutoff date for services at this point. The last resolution was not an annexation resolution but that of a Plan to move forward in the Annexation Process so there is no need of a Ratification as Mr. Miller implied in his Point of Order. Chair tabled until a later date.

10. CALL TO THE PUBLIC – Bill Miketta read a statement that was a rebuttal to a scathing newspaper article that tried to put Vernon Fire District in a very bad light. A summary of the article written by Sara King and another editorial by Steve Miller himself accuses the District of foul play in the annexation Plan and that as a Board member he never saw a map but he attending one of the first meetings at the county with Berry Weller, Chief, and another Board member which included area maps and a long discussion on Annexation. Sara Kings

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article talked about herself as a lowly tax payer however she does not own property in Vernon Fire District. She also stated that there just has to be secret meetings taking place because three Board members actually agree on matters. Both articles were a means to promote themselves and to demean the District that they are supposed to be a part of and work for in the case of Mr. Miller.

Marsha Young – Thanked and applauded the Board members for not mudslinging as she has observed the members of the District at events, giving of their time and donating to community causes. Ironically she notes that those who do the most complaining are not land owners and she took offense at being called “a lowly taxpayer” in Sara Kings article. She is sick of negative talk and hopes these few can turn to be more positive persons. Maybe those negative should move from here. You need to attend meetings, try to speak to those in the community and not act as if we are idiots.

Mr. Coombs – for the record there is no precedent to allow Bill Miketta to talk for more than three minutes. Bill is electioneering and using this platform to promote self and myself and Sara are running against him. This is against the statutes. Jodie Humphrey is not a tax payer but she was elected. That has nothing to do with the election.

Sara King – Read Dorothy O’Donnell resignation letter and asked that it be included in the records.

V. Miketta – The reason for her husband’s statement was that 3 people wrote horrible things in the paper so he was just responding to all the lies.

Tim Wooder – Jodie Humphrey never said she was a tax payer or a homeowner. Instead of recusing yourself why don’t you just hit the road. You are nothing but a Pompous ASS. Chair stopped the comment.

Mark Odenbach – You accuse the Board of electioneering and in the articles you are campaigning but Bill Miketta was not doing that. It is a statement to provide a balance sounds like you are just poor losers.

Sara Schaffer – Vernon days are closing in on us August 6th is the date. Loads of fun we have several fund raisers and are trying to get sidewalks put in to the Bathroom in the park.

B. NEW AGENDA ITEMS – None

10. Adjournment - 1951