



2422 N Firehouse Lane - Huachuca City, AZ 85616

**MINUTES OF THE WHETSTONE FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING 27th APRIL 2020;**

Call to Order/Roll Call/Affirmation of Quorum/Pledge of Allegiance:

Members Present: Donna Graybill, Steven Hasson, Michelle Bell

Staff Present: Chief Bidon, Cathy Dyer

Absent: Dave Johnson, Pamela Cohen

It was determined a quorum existed with four board members present.

Call to the Public: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

-Review Amendment and Discussion of Possible Action of Pubic Session Minutes from March 24th, 2020

No discussion

MOTION: Motion to approve the March 2020 Board Meeting Minutes

RESULT: All in favor; none opposed

MOVED BY: Donna Graybill

SECONDED: Steven Hasson

-Review Amendment and Discussion of Possible Action of Financial Reports

Cathy Dyer: We closed out the Operations Account for the month of March with a balance of \$0 but we do have a couple rather large deposits that they haven't gotten into the account yet. This is normal for this time of year. To date we've collected \$477,857 in taxes and we expect to collect \$762,000 so we still have a lot to collect. We closed out the month of March in the Reserve Capital Account with a balance of \$157,887.25. There was a deposit into that account of \$93,214.43 and that amount is from the insurance company for the repairs on the engine. We collected \$49.93 in interest in that account as well. The Volunteer Pension Account closed out at \$42,516.45. We gained \$23.21 in interest on that account. No expenses on either of those two accounts.

Michelle Bell: Anyone have any questions?



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Steven Hasson: I do on the budget to actual. It's confusing in that you show where revenue not expended is negative and I was wondering if you could show that as a percentage? I find it easier to read this way and see where you are relative to your beginning budget.

Cathy Dyer: I had to purchase a new version of quickbooks per out auditors as I have to start tracking our inventory and our assets at the start of the next fiscal year. I can go in there and see if I can add in a line of percentages for our next meeting.

Steven Hasson: I'd be happy to help with that if I can.

MOTION: Move to approve Financial Reports

RESULT: All in favor; none opposed

MOVED BY: Donna Graybill

SECONDED: Steven Hasson

Information regarding the following topic(s) presented by the fire chief:

Chief Bidon: 350 calls for the year so far, and the national trend is showing that EMS calls have gone down 30% due to the virus. The new Engine 324 is in California and Engine 321 (the one that got into the accident) is near completion and hopefully we will have both apparatus within the next week and we will do the acceptance tests here. I've also been working on the contract renewal in HC (Huachuca City). And you have a draft for the 2121 budget but I still have about \$16,000 to shave off so I will have Cathy email you all the updated version once I've finished it. We are looking into purchasing new recliners for both stations because the ones we have are very old and beat up. We are looking at getting four recliners for Station 321 and two for Station 324 and we are looking for them to have a 500lb weight limit and not have rockers so hopefully they'll last longer. We will have a ten year warranty on the mechanics of it and a five year warranty on the rest of the chair. *This part of Chief Bidon's report was unintelligible due to bad connection. The discussion was regarding the current situation with the WFD Huachuca City Contract. What follows are the intelligible portions.* The current city manager has the same sentiment regarding our contract as the interim manager had which is they are gonna continue with the WFD contract but they also have the option to start their own fire department again. I'm looking to extend our contract in HC but right now they are looking to go out to bid.

Michelle Bell: Well we started this whole thing as a temporary fix so they could take a look at it and join. I'm understanding why they are looking to go out to bid again because we have proven to them that we are not making any money and we certainly can't ask our taxpayers to front money to take care of Huachuca City.

Chief Bidon: I'm working on it and I'm hoping for a formal contract and I'll have you guys read it to make sure you're okay with it. BC Foster had disbanded business inspections due to Covid-19 but we will continue if a business requests it and to be honest they can't do much without our approval.

Board Members' Comments: None



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Future Agenda Items:

Chief Bidon: I'd like to have a special meeting to discuss the budget and we will have to do that in June

Adjournment:

MOTION: Motion to adjourn the meeting

RESULT: All in favor; none opposed

MOVED BY: Steven Hasson

SECONDED: Donna Graybill

Michelle Bell, Chairperson
Hannah Sovar-Knox, Firefighter/CEP