



2422 N Firehouse Lane - Huachuca City, AZ 85616

**MINUTES OF THE WHETSTONE FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING, November 26th, 2019**

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

Chairperson, Michelle Bell, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Whetstone Fire District Station 321 classroom, 2422 N Firehouse Lane, Huachuca City, Arizona.

Members Present:

Michelle Bell, Chairperson
Dave Johnson, Board Member
Wanda Pike, Board Member
Pamela Cohen, Clerk

Staff Present:

Pete Bidon, Fire Chief

Cathy Dyer, Office Manager

Absent:

None

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

Call to the Public:

No members of the public wished to address the board.

Old Business:

1. Review, Amendment and Discussion and Possible Action of the Proposed Transition From Microsoft Operating System to an Alternative Operating System for the Whetstone Fire District.

MOTION: Move to elect continue using Microsoft Windows as our operating software

RESULT: Approved, all in favor none opposed

MOVED BY: Dave Johnson

SECONDED: Pamela Cohen



New Business:

1. Review, Amendment and Possible Action of Public Session Minutes for October 2019

Minutes are unavailable

2. Review, Discussion and Possible Action of the Financial Reports

Financial reports were provided to the Board. Cathy Dyer said the operating account for the District closed the month of October at \$274, 746, 34. Paid back credit of \$36 as mentioned last meeting. Audit done last month; no questions. Closing balance in the reserve account was \$80, 200, 16. The pension revenue account closed out the month of October at \$42, 295, 55.

MOTION: Move to accept the financial reports as presented

RESULT: Approved, all in favor none opposed

MOVED BY: Wanda Pike

SECONDED: Pamela Cohen

Chief's Report-

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

We are at 1030 calls for the year. Averaging 3.4 calls per day. Haunted house and trunk-or-treat went very well. E322 was sent off due to a recall to Tucson. M321 had warranty work done and is having a new motor put in and the old motor was sent off to Ford off for investigation. Executive session at SEACOM- new communications director was hired and will start in the second week of December. 2 Firefighters off for off-duty injuries- Chief Bidon and BC Foster covering shifts. Finished last lecture for D/O and Ariel Operator will begin on Friday. FF Hoskins and FF Sovar-Knox took M322 to HC Trunk-Or-Treat and won second place. County came down and inspected AC unit and failed once part of the inspection- new breaker was needed. Graphic was sent to Phoenix for door decal on new engine- 2nd engine won't be here until March or April. Event for new engine arrival being planned. FF Spencer passed CEP practicals and is to take his written test soon; to have 9 Paramedics in District following FF Spencer's completion of his Medic program. December 7th is the Toy Run and December 15th is the Pancake Breakfast. December 8th or 9th for toys with HC. Donations: cash donation for over \$2,000 and a donation from St Andrews Church for \$200. Town Manager for HC resigned- no replacement as of yet.

Board Members' Comments:

Michelle Bell: We are running background on Steven Hasson. Need to ask Donna Grayville for references.

Future Agenda Items:





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Chief Bidon: Possible change of date for next board meeting to avoid it being on Christmas Eve. Need to interview both possible candidates in a work session; 15 minutes for each candidate. December 23rd work session at 1700 and board meeting at 1730 to include hiring of new members and Wanda Pike's resignation.

Adjournment:

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 1826

RESULT: Approved, all in favor none opposed

MOVED BY: Pamela Cohen

SECONDED: Dave Johnson

Michelle Bell, Chairperson

Sam Foster, Battalion Chief

