



2422 N Firehouse Lane - Huachuca City, AZ 85616

**MINUTES OF THE WHETSTONE FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING 28 OCTOBER 2020 AT 1700 HOURS.**

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

Members Present: Donna Graybill, Pamela Cohen, Dave Johnson, Trevor Thompson, Steven Hasson

Staff Present: Chief Bidon, Cathy Dyer, BC Foster

Absent: None

It was determined a quorum existed.

Call to the Public:

-Letter From Chief Bidon:

Chief Bidon: This is a letter I wrote to the governing board of the Whetstone Fire District:

There's a time when an individual can no longer provide effective and efficient guidance and leadership to an organization whether it's due to their or other's perceptions. In recent events and interactions with governing boards of WFD and members, have caused me to reevaluate my control within the organization. It is with a heavy heart that I must retire and leave this life after serving 35 years in the American fire service. I've had an amazing career and held all positions from firefighter to fire chief and for that I will forever be grateful. I've told my family and friends for 30 years that I've never worked a day in my life, just a different house with different chores and a better allowance. The last five years it turned into a job; one that I hate. I arrive home every day frustrated, not giving quality time to my family nor am I able to effectively further the growth of the district as I am preoccupied cleaning up petty games played by some governing and staff members. I refuse to take part yet in another futile event currently being portrayed and played out by some board and staff members. October 31st, 2020 will be my official retirement date. I thought about giving a two week notice but the chairperson solidified me not having to do so. Donna's comment made at 1418 on October 27th: "You don't have a contract." This is recorded. In fact all my conversations with Donna are recorded and they have been recorded and this I learned going through like events with the previous board chair Rick Evans. Thank you for your time.

Steven Hasson: I suggest we just proceed. Do not we have a time on the agenda where we are going to go into an executive session? And I appreciate the Chief's comments and I suggest we go into an executive session at some time to discuss this matter and the next steps. Does that seem plausible?

Donna Graybill: Yes.



Old Business:

-None

New Business:

-Review Amendment, Discussion, and Possible Action of the Public Session Minutes for September 28th, 2020.

Donna Graybill: Have everyone reviewed those minutes and does anyone have any questions or changes?

*None were had

MOTION: Motion to accept the Public Session Minutes from 28 September 2020

RESULT: Five in favor; none opposed

MOVED BY: Donna Graybill

SECONDED: Trevor Thompson

-Review Amendment and Discussion of Possible Action of the Financial Reports

Cathy Dyer: You've got your regular board packet before you and I updated the cover sheet with the ending balance for the month of September. We began the month of September with a balance of \$50,569.40 as you can see on there the total payables are \$98,844.12 and the total receivables are \$51,572.03. We did dip into the accounting credit line which is common for this time of year. We go into the credit line and they grant us the funds to pay for our expenses and when we receive enough money into the back they take their portion of what they credited us and the 495 that you see on the cover sheet is the interest that is charged when we dip into the credit line but we have paid that credit back. The credit line we got into was for \$27,912.76 and that balance has been justified ending the month with \$3,297.31 into black. The balance on there had grown in there since then but that's what we ended September with. In the reserve account we began the month with \$58,089.52 and total payables out of the reserve account were \$3,564.55 that includes the payment for the swamp cooler that was added to the bay. Total receivables were \$3.00 and that's just interest that we've accrued on the account. We closed September out with a balance of \$54,527.97 in the reserve capital account. There were no payables in the volunteer pension account but we began the month with \$43,055.81. Total receivables were \$2.22 in interest and we closed the account out for the month of September with \$43,058.3. All of the required reports are attached in the packets. If you guys have any questions let me know.

Donna Graybill: Does anyone have any questions?

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Donna Graybill: Thank you very much Cathy. You make it so easy to understand and read. Obviously we do not have a Chief's report so at this time I will call on BC Foster: do you have anything that is happening in the station that you feel we should know about?

BC Foster: I'm sorry; I wish that I could have had something prepared for you.

Donna Graybill: No, no I was just wondering if there was anything that you could think off the top of your head.

BC Foster: Off the top of my head, no there isn't anything.

Donna Graybill: That's fine.

Future Agenda Items:

-Left Open and none were added following the executive session

Board Members' Comments:

None

At this time the board went into an executive session to review the personnel matters, review and discussion operations, policy, procedures, and complaints. Everyone was asked to step out of the room during the executive session.

Public Session was resumed at 1749

Donna Graybill: We reviewed the matters discussed in the executive sessions and we have no motions on the table by any of the board members.

Steven Hasson: Before we adjourn, do we have to prove by motion the financial report?

Donna Graybill: No



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Adjournment:

MOTION: Motion to adjourn the meeting

RESULT: Five in favor; none opposed

MOVED BY: Dave Johnson

SECONDED: Trevor Thompson

Minutes Recorded By:
Hannah Sovar-Knox, CEP