

MEETING MINUTES OF THE VERNON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD
Held on November 28, 2023, AT 5:30 PM at the Vernon Library

1. **CALL TO ORDER** at 5:30 by John Vehar board chair.
2. **ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS** Present John Vehar, Grey Murphy. Randy Mifflin, Paul Kovacic. On phone Gregg McClendon,
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & PRAYER BY CHIEF NIEHUIS**
4. **RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:** Chief Niehuis, Assist. Chief Nick Perrone, Admin. Wendy Sharp & Kathy Schlichting. Marsha Gromble, Tom & Bethany Lovejoy, Jodie Fails.
5. **REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE**
 - A. Chair Summary- The chair recognized his and Grey Murphy Birthday. John Vehar recognize Marsha Gromble efforts in organizing the festival of the trees. Also encourage the other board members to dress approximately to wear their dress shirt, suit, or sport coat. The media will be attending. John also read the list of vendors and sponsors. Acknowledging their contribution to this event.
 - B. Chief's Report and discussion – See attachment.
 - C. Financial Report and discussion - Ben Archer-Clowes gave the financial report for October 2023. Tax Revenue for October is \$76,560, non-Tax revenue for October was \$265,139, Expenses for October were \$126,074, We are ending the month with cash on hand of \$643,476.
6. **Call to the public:** Marsha Gromble informed the board how well the festival of the trees was doing. Tom & Bethany Lovejoy thanked the district for their service to the community.
7. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. The Board has reviewed the Financial Report for October 2023
 - B. The Board has reviewed and approve the October 24, 2023, meeting minutes.
8. **BUSINESS**
 - A. Motion that the Board has approved the consent agenda. Grey Murphy motioned to approve the consent agenda. Randy Mifflin 2nd, Call for the Vote, Vote: Yes Unanimous.
 - B. **Discussion and possible action:** Grant review by Assistant Chief Perrone and Kathy Schlichting
 - C. **Discussion and possible action:** Revenue from the State for 2024 was updated by Chief Niehuis. Discussing the deficit of the state for 2024. We will have to just wait and see if the state will be able to give Vernon Fire District money in 2024.
 - D. **Discussion and possible action:** AFDA winter convention was discussed by the board of attending. The consensus was that they will not attend the Winter AFDA convention in January 2024.
 - E. **Discussion and possible action:** 2024 Board meeting dates were discussed by the Board. The final draft will be presented to the board at the next meeting.
9. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** Chief Niehuis Review
10. **ADJOURNMENT:** Call for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Randy Mifflin motioned to adjourn the board meeting. 2nd by Grey Murphy, Call for the Vote, Vote: Yes Unanimous.

Adjourned at 6:12 PM