

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE VERNON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD**  
**Held on March 26, 2024, 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, Paul Kovacic, Randy Mifflin, Gregg McClendon absent.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & PRAYER**

4. **RECOGNITION OF GUESTS** Assistant Chief Nick Perrone, Kathy Schlichting, JVG Ben Archer-Clowes, DC Mike Norman, Wendy Sharp, FF Toby Carlock, FF Ryan Maher, Captain Kevin Vickers.

**5. REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. Chair Summary- Congressman Eli Crane will have a meet & greet on March 27<sup>th</sup> at the Hungry Buffalo 6-7:30 encourage the board to attend to talk to him about the issues the district is facing.
- B. Chief's Report and discussion – See attachment and would like the board to recognize Captain Sarah Petersen for all she has done as the PIO for the district.
- C. Financial Report and discussion: Ben Archer-Clowes gave the financial report for February 2024. Tax Revenue collected for February 2024 is \$48,910, non-Tax revenue for February 2024 was 252,313. State of \$250,000 was received. Expenses for February 2024 were \$65,694.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. The Board has reviewed the Financial Report for February 2024.
- B. The Board has reviewed and approved the February 27, 2024, meeting minutes.

**7. BUSINESS**

- A. Motion that the Board has approved the consent agenda. Grey Murphy motioned to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Randy Mifflin, Call for the vote, Vote: Yes Unanimous.
- B. **Discussion and possible action:** Update on ATV: ATV is up and running, Marsha has collected all the money. Update on vehicle repairs: Shop 105 E251 needed a complete pump overhaul. Assist. Chief Nick Perrone requested that the board approve payment of \$7,149.33 to Fire Truck Solution for these repairs.
- C. **Discussion and possible action:** Station 26 have not heard from any family members about the estate. The board discussed that it was time to reach out to an attorney, to send the estate via Allana Padilla. Using the law about abandonment. With the legal letter also send the estate a bill for rent, storage fees, moving fees, and estimate of cleaning fees. The board had an unanimous consensus.
- D. **Discussion and possible action:** The Office/Billing clerk position will be posted by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Hopefully we will hire someone in April. We are putting Wendy Sharp thru some additional formal training to increase her skill set in areas such as QuickBooks, Excel, and Word. We may also put the new staff through additional training if we feel it is necessary. We are hoping with the new staff we can go forward with the annexation project. We have contacted the owner of Blue-Sky lands who own about 200 parcels who agreed to sign annexation paperwork.
- E. **Discussion and possible action:** Assist. Chief Nick Perrone discussed with the board that they are waiting to hear from 3 grants that they applied for by the end of April if they are awarded or not. We have received another 250,000 and the state reported that we may have a good chance of receiving another 250,000 this fiscal year.
- F. **Discussion and possible action:** County treasurer issues update we are still dealing with some outstanding warrants not clearing and the treasurer is checking on the fraud check. Assist. Chief Perrone wants to meet with Concho to discuss what they are doing to resolve their issues with the county.
- G. **Discussion and possible action:** Grey Murphy discussed with the board the State Banking Fund. The difference between Pool 7 which is less risky lower yield than Pool 5 which has a higher yield. Will review again once budget is set
- H. **Discussion and possible action:** The board discussed in detail the request from Brian Sharp in letter form to waive his bill because of hardship. They also read Gregg McClendon's written response to this letter. After a lengthy discussion the consensus of the board was not to waive the bill. A letter will be written to Mr. Sharp giving him the reason for their position and offering him a payment plan and encouraging him to get a subscription so he will not have any more expenses from any future calls to his property.

8. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC** – No response.

9. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** ATV & Vehicles, Grants, Lease default

10. **ADJOURNMENT:** Grey Murphy motion to adjourn, Paul Kovacic 2<sup>nd</sup>, Call for the vote, Yes Unanimous. Adjourn 7:07PM