

MEETING MINUTES OF THE VERNON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD

Held on October 24, 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 Gregg McClendon, John Vehar, Grey Murphy. Randy Mifflin. Paul Kovacic. excused
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & PRAYER BY CHIEF NIEHUIS**
4. **RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:** Chief Niehuis, Assist. Chief Nick Perrone, Admin. Wendy Sharp
5. **REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE**
 - A. Chair Summary- Stated that it is not required that any board member attend AFDA in Laughlin, NV. Vernon Fire District purchased tickets for the Festival of the Trees which is the fund raiser and the proceeds are for Vernon Fire District. He would like the board to discuss at the November board meeting if attending AFDA is the best use of the district's money.
 - B. Chief's Report and discussion – See attachment.
 - C. Financial Report and discussion - Ben Archer-Clowes gave the financial report for September 2023. Tax Revenue for September is \$933, non-Tax revenue for September was \$3,229, Expenses for September were \$86,167, We are ending the month with cash on hand of \$392,378.
6. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. The Board has reviewed the Financial Report for September 2023
 - B. The Board has reviewed and approve the September 26, 2023, meeting minutes.
7. **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:** Chief Niehuis, and Assist. Chief Nick Perrone stated that because the county did not include the Vernon Fire District data in their application that they are applying for a CWPP grant themselves. Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) gave us a donation of \$1000 to acknowledge that Vernon Fire District application is still under consideration. Adashi grant is in the final stages of setting software and installation of equipment will be installed soon. VFD is responsible for purchasing tablet mounts for vehicles estimated at \$100 per mount.
 - C. **Discussion and possible action:** Chief Niehuis, and Assist. Chief Nick Perrone discussed with the board the benefits of selling one of the ambulances. The revenue would be put back into the funds to be used for vehicle items. Grey Murphy motioned to give administration permission to sell one of the ambulances. 2nd by Gregg McClendon, Call for the Vote, Vote: Yes Unanimous.
 - D. **Discussion and possible action:** Gila River offered to sell two Ford F250 command vehicles to Vernon Fire District for two thousand. Chief Niehuis, and Assist. Chief Nick Perrone discussed with the board the benefits of these purchases. Grey Murphy motioned to approve the purchase of the two Ford F250 command vehicle for two thousand dollars from Gila River Indian Community. Randy Mifflin 2nd, Call for the Vote, Vote: Yes Unanimous.
 - E. **Discussion and possible action:** Chief Niehuis stated that Commnet has the two COW towers in place, and we are receiving payment for the lease on both of them. The fiber optics have been installed in Station 25 just waiting for Sunstate to finish connecting to the server.
 - F. **Discussion and possible action:** Meeting dates and times for Nov. & Dec. board meetings were discussed with the board. The consensus was that the November meeting be on 28th at 5:30 and the December meeting be on the 19th as scheduled at 5:30.
 - G. **Discussion and possible action:** Chief Niehuis, and Assist. Chief Nick Perrone discussed with the board the Strategic planning, the purpose and the reason behind it. The board members agreed to send any questions they would like to see on the survey to Assist. Chief Nick Perrone.
8. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** No public present.
9. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** Attending AFDA in January 2024
10. **ADJOURNMENT:** Call for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Grey Murphy motioned to adjourn the board meeting. 2nd by John Vehar, Call for the Vote, Vote: Yes Unanimous.