

PUBLIC MEETING OF THE VERNON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES
September 26, 2023, AT 5:30 PM at the Vernon Public Library, Vernon, AZ 85940

1. **CALL TO ORDER** at 5:30 PM
2. **ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS** Present Gregg McClendon, Paul Kovacic, John Vehar, Grey Murphy. Randy Mifflin absent.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & PRAYER**
4. **RECOGNITION OF GUESTS** Chief Niehuis, Assist. Chief Nick, Perrone, Admin. Kathy Schlichting, and Wendy Sharp. Paula Johnson, Melena Hannah, Mark Olafson, and Captain Michelle Starkey. Ben Archer-Clowes on the phone.
5. **REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE**
 - A. Financial Report and discussion - Ben Archer-Clowes gave the financial report for August 2023. Tax Revenue for August was \$5,223, non-Tax revenue for August was \$432,292, Expenses for August were \$83,514, We are ending the month with cash on hand of \$493,468.83.
 - B. Chair Summary- Chair John Vehar commended the Auxiliary for a job well done for the breakfast fund raiser.
 - C. Chief's Report and discussion – See attachment.
6. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. The Board has reviewed the Financial Report for August 2023
 - B. The Board has reviewed the August 22 and 31st meeting minutes.
7. **BUSINESS**
 - A. Motion that the Board approved the consent agenda. Grey Murphy motioned, Paul Kovacic 2nd , Vote: Yes Unanimous
 - B. **Discussion and possible action:** Nick Perrone stated that since the block grant is only \$200,000 that the best use of the money for the community is to support Paula Johnson representing the park to apply for the grant for a structure to house the food bank and a community room at the park. Nick Perrone and Melena Hannah went into great detail explaining the CWPP grant and how it would affect the Fire district. It was the consensus of the board that Vernon Fire District start the application process. Nick Perrone also stated that we are in the final stage of the Thomas Leary grant which is \$25,000 for radios and accessories.
 - C. **Discussion and possible action:** Nick Perrone presented to the board the need to replace the failed Monitor/Defibrillators which no longer work and cannot be fixed. Mark Olafson from Zoll brought a refurbished X Series Monitor/Defibrillator and demonstrated how the machine would work and discussed the Zoll agreement with the board. Nick Perrone stated that Zoll is one of the government procurement companies listed with the government. He also presented a 3rd party quote. Grey Murphy motioned that they accept the Zoll agreement to purchase two of the refurbished Zoll X series Monitor/Defibrillators. Gregg McClendon 2nd, Vote: Yes Unanimous
 - D. **Discussion and possible action:** The COW towers are in place. We have started receiving payment on the lease agreement. We will have a meeting setup with Commnet, Sunstate, and Admin to discussed what service that the fire station would need. Commnet has stated that right now that the service is for the elementary school and it's students.
 - E. **Discussion and possible action:** The consensus of the board is at this time they do not feel the need to purchase OWL 3 lab and to remove it from the agenda.
8. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC** – No Public left.
9. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** CWPP Grant application
10. **ADJOURNMENT** motioned to adjourn by Grey Murphy, 2nd by Paul Kovacic. Vote: Yes Unanimous
Adjourned at 7:40 PM