**Martinez Lake Fire District – Public Meeting Minutes – 5/8/2024**

* Meeting was called to order on Wednesday May 8th at 10:30am
* Present was Charlie Bush – President, Teresa Harrington – Board Member, Peggy Stankovich – Secretary/Treasurer & Jodi Little – Fire Chief
* Minutes approved for last meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

* **Correspondence:** We were asked to set the tax rate for the upcoming 2024-2025 Fiscal tax year, and we voted unanimously not to raise taxes it will stay at 3.75 % in addition the board is looking into options to lower the current tax rate if possible.
* **ISO:** Chief Little is looking into lowering the ISO of the station. If we meet the ISO goals, we will get a reduced number we are currently at 10. The benefit of a lower ISO number would result in a reduction of homeowner’s insurance.
* **Sale of Boat:** we were offered $2,500 for the boat however we have tabled this item for 2 months.
* **Preparation of Next Year’s Budget:** well underway by Chief Little
* **Meeting Change:** Chief Little will prepare a resolution updating the meeting time and date to the 2nd Wednesday of each month to be held at 9:00am
* **Swearing in Board Members:** Peggy Stankovich was sworn in as secretary/treasurer.
* **Dogs at the Fire Station:** A discussion was held about the practice of having animals at the fire station and Charlie Bush & Teresa Harrington voted not to have any type of animals at the fire station due to liability issues and Peggy Stankovich abstained.
* **Fire Chief Report:** All items mentioned above.

**OLD BUSINESS**

* **Financials:** We have paid back the City of Yuma all funds owed.
* **EMT Capability:** We currently have 7 EMTs trained to provide basic life support.
* **Sell the P-19:** It was decided to hold off on making the decision to sell off the P-19 for at least the next 2 months**.**
* **Status of Volunteers:** We currently have 4 volunteers, and we have 3 more volunteers wanting to start, however we do not have turnouts for them.

 **CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** None

 **ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

**The next public meeting will be held on July 10th at 9am at the**

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