

**TRI-CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT
CLAYPOOL, ARIZONA
July 17, 2018
Regular Meeting**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chairman, Mitch Malkovich called the meeting to order at 11:01 am

2. Welcome /Pledge of Allegiance

Board Chairman Malkovich welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked BC Howell to lead the Pledge of Allegiance

3. ROLL CALL OF FIRE BOARD MEMBERS/ AFFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Board members present: Dan Guthrey, Franceen Benton, Michael Benjamin, John Chism and Mitch Malkovich.

4. Call to the Public:

NA

5. Board Discussion and/or Action Items:

A. Discussion and Possible Action on location of future Fire Station:

Chief Renon stated there is nothing to move forward with. FMI wants to keep the Reversionary Clause on the land next to the Armory. Chief Renon suggested to the board that this item be placed on hold for (6) six months to reevaluate the district's options. One of those option being to bring in an engineer and architect team to do plans to update the current building and to get ideas and costs on replacing the septic system. The Board agreed that may be a better option and directed Chief Renon to move forward with this project.

B Discussion and Possible Action on Section 218:

Chief Renon stated the news was not as good as we had hoped and turned the discussion over to Admin-Finance Manager Pat Nock. Pat Nock stated that Lesli Sorensen has been going back and forth with Ms. Briggs over our retirement plans being qualified and mandatory plans. Ms. Briggs is currently reviewing them again. Lesli stated that she would like to use the certificates and time table for Mike Becker as he was the first full time employee of the district and hired prior to the Section 218. Ms. Briggs stated that our Section 218 cannot be amended by federal law. Leslie stated that some fire districts have taken this issue all the way to the White House and Federal SSA with no results; they were told that the Section 218 agreement is airtight and in most cases cannot be overturned. Chief Renon stated that a name change for the district will stop the section 218 by just adding Medical to our name; this will not help our current situation or what we may have to pay to SSA but will stop future SSI deductions from our fulltime firefighters. The board agreed that is something that should be explored and what would be involved and directed Chief Renon to follow up and place on next month's agenda.

C. Discussion and Update on Outstanding Wild Land Revenue:

No funds yet. An article came out in the news about what was owed by the state to departments it is over 3million. Will continue to follow up with the state on funds

6. Approval of Minutes

- A. Approvals of the minutes from June 19, 2018 were approved on a motion by John Chism, seconded by Mike Benjamin. Approved by all members present 5-0

7. New Business

a. Fire Chief Report:

Attached

8. Consent Agenda:

A. Gila County Treasurer:

A summary was provided along with all financial documents:

B. Check Register, Warrants and Deposits for the month of June 2018.

The check registers, warrants, deposits and bank reconciliations were given to the Board.

C. Financial Reports for June 2018:

The Board reviewed all financial reports provided to them by Administrative-Finance Manager Pat Nock. Reports include current Ambulance Revenue Report, Profit and Loss statement, Cash Flow Report and Profit & Loss Budget Overview Report, Cash Flow Projection report and charts prepared comparing last year to this year income & expense and Budget vs. Actual graphs, as well as end of Fiscal year reports.

On a motion by Franceen Benton, seconded by John Chism and approved by all members present the June 2018 check registers, warrants, deposits, bank reconciliations and financial reports was approved.5-0

Finance Manager Pat Nock reported to the Board that the Annual Audit is scheduled for August 29th & 30th

9. Executive Session:

Dan Guthrey made the motion to move into executive session at 12:20pm, seconded by John Chism and approved by all members present. 5-0

Board reconvened to regular session at 1:50 pm

Motion was made on the following personnel positions by Mike Benjamin, seconded by Dan Guthrey, approved by all members present:

Item A. Fire Chief Contract and Salary: Salary increase of 4.5% making annual salary \$91,500

Item B. Finance Manger Position: Pat Nock will remain Finance Manager after her Retirement in August 2018 on a reduced schedule as a salary exempt employee not to exceed 19 hours per week. Salary will include benefit package.

10. Future Agenda items: Fire station remodel update, Section 218 update Name change and Wild land recovery

11. Scheduling of Meetings

The next regular business meeting to be held August 21, 2018 at 4280 E. Broadway, Claypool, AZ 85532

12. Adjournment

The Board Chairman declared the regular session adjourned at 1:56 pm am

ATTEST:

AFFIRM:

Mitch Malkovich, Board Chairman

Franceen Benton, Clerk