

**TRI-CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT
CLAYPOOL, ARIZONA
June 19, 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 Greg Zupancic 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 open Public Hearing for FY 2019 Proposed Budget:

Chairman opened the public hearing at 11:03. Chairman Malkovich stated he has a couple of questions concerning the budget first he is happy to see that the district is not increasing the tax rate for the next fiscal year and that it will be staying at 2.8%. Second he questioned the decrease on a revenue line item concerning ambulance revenue. Finance Manager Pat Nock stated that for the current fiscal year we had budgeted 2.5 million for this item however we are down approximately \$300,000 from the ambulance revenues and that if our revenue increases the next fiscal year that will be great however it is best not to place a high amount in the revenue line item if we are not receiving that income. Chairman Malkovich stated he noticed the total budget was approximately \$300,000 less than last year's budget of 4.6 million. Finance Manager Pat Nock stated that due to the new insurance trust that the district joined health insurance dropped significantly, however the employees have the same if not better insurance. Board Member Mike Benjamin stated he thought the district was looking at dual health plans (HSA and PPO) Chief Renon stated that after reviewing both plans the HSA was time consuming with accounting and employee training and the PPO was a better fit for the department overall.

5. Close call to the Public:

There being no further questions from staff or the public, Chairman Malkovich closed the Public Hearing at 11:20 am

6. Call for Elections: (3) Three current board members up for election this year.

Chairman Malkovich read the call for elections out loud to everyone present, stating that 3 of the 5 current board members will be up for reelection this year. Those Board Members are: John Chism, Dan Guthrey and Chairman Malkovich. Candidate packets may be picked up at the Gila County Election Dept on Apache Street in Central Heights or at 5562 S. McKinney Ave. in Central Heights (Tri-City Fire Station 21) and that packets may not be turned in prior to July 9, 2018.

7. Board Discussion and/or Action Items:

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

Chief Renon stated he met with FMI May 16th concerning the property by the Armory, if we accept the property it will have the reversionary clause, we will ask them to remove this by writing the same letter we did for the school property.

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 our attorney received an email from Michelle Briggs, head of the SSA in Arizona that she is not going to rescind the Section 218 for TCFD that it will stand. Lesli has not given up the fight and will be meeting with Michelle again in the next week or two to request a modification to the Section 218 to remove full time firefighters. Chairman Malkovich asked what this would mean for the district if she does not modify the document. Pat Nock stated that we would have to continue paying the SS tax on all employees and work with SSA for payback of however many years they request us to pay for. Chairman Malkovich asked if this was written into the budget, Pat Nock stated no it was not due to Michelle Briggs telling our attorney she agreed that the full time firefighters should not be part of this Section 218 then reversing her decision. Lesli is still working to help us so we will have to wait and see what happens. Chairman Malkovich stated that he thinks it would be a good idea for Chief Renon and Pat Nock to attend an upcoming meeting of the SSA to present our case so they can put a face to the situation. Chief Renon stated that he will look into when and where they will be meeting and plan to attend.

C. Discussion and Update on Outstanding Wild Land Revenue:

No funds yet. Bob Arthur told Chief Renon that his spreadsheet shows 50k due to be paid this month. Chief Renon stated he has sent multiple letters to all of the State Senators and has received form letters back. Has spoken personally with David Cook and still waiting for something to happen. Numerous messages have been left for Shannon, one of the lead finance ladies, no return calls. John Flynn, the current administrator for White Mountain Lakes did call and was amazed at how much we are still owed and was going to contact someone in the state department for answers.

D. Discussion and Possible Action on Budget for FYE 6/30/2019

There being no further questions or discussion on this matter the motion to adopt and pass the Proposed Budget for FY 2019 was made by Franceen Benton, seconded by John Chism. Approved by all members present. 5-0

8. Approval of Minutes

- A. Approvals of the minutes from May 15, 2018 were approved on a motion by Dan Guthrey, seconded by Mike Benjamin. Approved by all members present 5-0

9. New Business

- a. **Fire Chief Report:**
Attached

10. 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 May 2018.

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

C. Financial Reports for May 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 Mike Benjamin and approved by all members present the May 2018 check registers, warrants, deposits, bank reconciliations and financial reports was approved.5-0

11. **Future Agenda items:** Fire station land update, Section 218 update, Executive Session for Personnel and Wild land recovery
12. **Scheduling of Meetings**
The next regular business meeting to be held July 17, 2018 at 4280 E. Broadway, Claypool, AZ 85532
13. **Adjournment**

The Board Chairman declared the regular session adjourned at 12:36 pm am

ATTEST:

AFFIRM:

Mitch Malkovich, Board Chairman

Franceen Benton, Clerk