

PUBLIC MEETING OF THE VERNON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES
OCTOBER 25, 2022, AT 5:30 PM at the Vernon Public Library, Vernon, AZ. 85940

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Time 5:30 PM
2. **ROLL CALL:** Present: Randy Mifflin, John Vehar, Paul Kovacic, Grey Murphy, Adrian Aldredge
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & PRAYER**
4. **RECOGNITION OF GUESTS**
5. **REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE**
 - A. Chair Summary: Reminded the Board the November and December meeting will be moved to the 3rd Tuesday.
 - B. Chief's Report and discussion – See attachment
 - C. Financial Report: Ben Archer from the James Vincent Group presented the report for September 2022. We started the month with \$61,644.31 and ended with \$39,350.99 in the county account. Special revenue account \$175,268.24. Payroll account \$32,449.24. We spent \$143,814.00 in September.
6. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. The Board has reviewed the Financial Report for September 2022
 - B. The Board has reviewed and approved the September 2022 meeting minutes.
7. **BUSINESS**
 - A. Motion that the Board has approved the consent agenda by Grey Murphy, Randy Mifflin 2nd, Vote: Yes Unanimous
 - B. Finalizing the purchase of the 4 acres from the Penelope Leslie estate thru Resolution 2022-04. John Vehar read the resolution, Paul Kovacic motion, Grey Murphy 2nd. Roll call vote. Vote: Yes Unanimous.
 - C. Cleanup on the outside of Station 2 is being done by our wildland crew in preparation of the tower to be placed in the spring of 2023.
 - D. Seeking for a CON has been put on hold to see if House Bill 2609 will pass that will assist the Fire District to acquire a CON easier. The writing of this bill has been delayed until 2024.
 - E. Ben Archer from the JVG reassured the Board even though the passing of Barbra Barclay CFO the books look in good shape. It may take them working with Admin. for a month or two to get the books set up the way JVG would like them.
 - F. It was discussed by Admin that annexation thru going door to door has stopped but they continue to work on annexation thru the Admin. Office.
 - G. EVIT has recently gone thru management changes and unless they can prove to Chief Niehuis that this new program will work he will not be supporting it. In the spring we are going to mentor an 18 yr. student from the Northern Arizona Academy program who has an interest in becoming a Firefighter. This program covers all the student's expenses and their Workers Compensation.
 - H. H & E revised invoice was provided to the board reflecting a reduced price by \$3,133.52 from the original invoice. Chief Niehuis commented that he thought this was a fair price and was satisfied with the work. The consensus of the board was to pay the revised invoice of \$17,729.73 to H & E.
8. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC** — 3-minute limit - Consideration and discussion of comments and complaints from the public. Those wishing to address the Vernon Fire District Board need not request permission in advance. The Fire Board is not permitted to discuss or act on any item raised in the call to the public, unless the item is specifically noticed for discussion and legal action. However, individual Board members may be permitted to respond to criticism directed to them. Otherwise, the Board may direct that staff review the matter or that the matter to be placed on a future agenda. The Fire Board cannot discuss or take legal action on any issue raised during the Call to the Public due to restrictions of the Open Meeting Law. **None**
9. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Disposition of the 1984 Engine and Old SCBAs. Open Board Seats. Update from JVG on the accounting.
10. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn by Grey Murphy, Adrian Aldredge 2nd VOTE: YES, Unanimous Time 6:24 pm