

PUBLIC MEETING OF THE VERNON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES
August 23, 2022, at 530 p.m. at the Vernon Public Library, Vernon, AZ 85940

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Time: 5:30 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Present: John Vehar, Adrian Aldredge, Randy Mifflin, Paul Kovacic. Grey Murphy
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & PRAYER**
4. **RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:**

5. **REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:**
 - A. **Chair Summary** – John Vehar authorized Chief to send the Tower Contract to our attorney before signing.
 - B. **Chief's Report** – see attached
 - C. **Financial Report** – This is July 2022 Financial report. We started the month with \$88,270.98 and ended with \$32,031.60 in county account. Special revenue account \$128,540.09. Payroll account \$108,123.99. We spent \$109,652.86.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. The Board has reviewed the financial report for July 2022.
 - B. The Board has reviewed and approved the July 2022 meeting minutes

7. **BUSINESS**
 - A. Motion that the Board has approved the consent agenda by Randy Mifflin, Grey Murphy 2nd Vote: YES Unanimous
 - B. H & E repairs on Engine. The chief explained the problems we are having with the engine after repairs. He is negotiating a lower price since the vehicle is not been repaired properly. After negotiation the Board wants chief to bring invoicing back for approval.
 - C. ACSO Deputy here in Vernon discussed.
 - D. Tower – Contract to attorney but last monthly cost to them is 1250.00. Annexation is still being worked on. Many have agreed to sign but we have not seen annexation papers. Will be doing another follow-up. Property purchase- the land will be ours in September about the middle. CON – on hold right now but new laws in January may benefit us.
 - E. Apache County Budget – There was a mistake in property taxes so needed to change for voting by BOS. The bottom line was not changed. Two line items were changed – workman's compensation and payroll expenses to adjust about a \$45,000.00. The Board had a consensus to go ahead with changes.
 - F. Shirts for Board members to wear when representing VFD. Discussed colors, responsibility of wearing our logo. Kathy to put together different options for the Board.
 - G. Need for Financial Services since CFO retiring at the end of December. Many Districts have gone to resourcing out finances due to lack of qualified staff. The James Vincent Group currently does financial reports for Timber Mesa and Pinetop Districts. They have sent us a contract with their pricing for the year. Admin would like them to start on October 1, 2022. The Board looked over contract and asked a few questions about the transition. Admin will help the financial group to get set up and we will be paying the Financial group for three months. Grey Murphy motioned that we accept the contract as written and Randy Mifflin 2nd. VOTE: Yes unanimous.

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 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 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 if the open meeting law.

9. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.**

10. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn by Grey Murphy, Randy Mifflin 2nd. VOTE: YES, Unanimous Time: 7:03 pm