

PUBLIC MEETING OF THE VERNON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES
December 20, 2022, AT 5:30 PM at the Vernon Fire Station #1, Vernon, AZ85940

1. CALL TO ORDER 5:30

2. ROLL CALL: Present, Paul Kovacic, Grey Murphy, John Vehar, Adrian Aldredge.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & PRAYER

4. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS: Steve Russo, Randy Mifflin, Wayne Jonas, Ruth Parsons, Gregg McClendon, Firefighter Jonathan Patterson, Firefighter Everett Cauthen, Captain Kevin Vickers.

5. REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Financial Report and discussion:** Ben from JV Group presented the November report. Revenue for the month of November was \$83,582. Tax Revenue for November was \$73,270. Non-Tax revenue for November was \$10,312. Expenses for November are \$73,210. YTD total revenue is \$629,552.
- B. Chair Summary-** Notified the board that he has presented the Board with the Certificate of Compliance, that he has reviewed the open meeting law and that he has taken his oath of office. Summarized that the public may stay while they interview each candidate separately in executive session which may take about 1 1/2 hours or more. Then the board will reconvene back into the regular board meeting where they will do a blind vote to select the 2 board members. Kathy from administration will do the tallying. They will vote until 2 candidates get the majority of the board's vote.
- C. Chief's Report and discussion** – See attachment

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A.** The Board has reviewed the Financial Report for November 2022
- B.** The Board has reviewed and approve the November 2022 meeting minutes.

7. BUSINESS

- A. Motion that the Board has approved the consent agenda.** Grey Murphy Motion, Adrian Aldredge 2nd, Vote: Yes Unanimous
- B. Board interviews for open seats and selection.** John Vehar asked for a motion that they stop the regular board meeting and the Board go into executive session to do the interview process. Grey Murphy Motioned, Paul Kovacic 2nd. Vote: Yes Unanimous. John Vehar stated that the regular Board meeting stopped at 5:54 PM.

John Vehar reconvenes the regular board meeting at 7:30PM. First round of voting Randy Mifflin had 4 votes; second round of voting Greg McClendon had 4 votes. John Vehar declared that the two new board members are Randy Mifflin and Gregg McClendon. John Vehar did the oath of office with Randy Mifflin and Gregg McClendon. Offer for them to sit with board members but they cannot vote until they fulfill the requirements of the training of the open meeting laws. Kathy Schlichting from administration will assist you with this. Adrian Aldredge removed himself from any further voting since his position was now filled. The voting quorum is as follows John Vehar, Paul Kovacic, Grey Murphy.

- C. Vernon Fire District Banking Changes:** John Vehar asked to make motions for the banking.
 - Motion 1.** I would like to make a motion to remove the following from all the Vernon Fire District Bank Accounts with National Bank of Arizona. Past board member Adrian Aldredge, and to remove any names that are not the current board members on any of the accounts. 2nd Grey Murphy, Vote Yes Unanimous.
 - Motion 2.** I would like to make a motion that all current and new board members that should be on/added to all National bank of Arizona accounts in Vernon Fire District name as signers. Are as follows. John Vehar, Paul Kovacic, Grey Murphy, Randy Mifflin, and Gregg McClendon. 2nd Paul Kovacic, Vote Yes Unanimous
 - Motion 3.** I would like to make a motion that Kathy Schlichting has the Boards permission to manage all National Bank of Arizona accounts for and under the Vernon Fire District Board direction but is not a signer on these accounts. And Barbra Barclay name is to be removed from managing these accounts. 2nd Grey Murphy, Vote Yes Unanimous.
- D. January Board Meeting:** At the January Board meeting the board will have to select the Chairman and Clerk. The board will have to select the dates and times for 2023 meetings but for now the January meeting will be the 4th Tuesday at 5:30.

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**

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9. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Review of AFDA Conference, Board Shirts selection, update on Station 2 and the property off of highway 61.
10. **ADJOURMENT:** Grey Murphy motioned to adjourn meeting, Paul Kovacic 2nd. Vote: Yes Unanimous Adjourn at 7:50