

MEETING MINUTES OF THE VERNON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD

8/27/2024 AT 5:30 PM at the Vernon Library

The meeting room will be accessible to the public at 5:20 p.m.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER REGULAR BOARD MEETING AT 5:32 PM** by Grey Murphy
2. **ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS** present was Randy Mifflin, Gregg McClendon, Paul Kovacic, Grey Murphy. John Vehar on the phone.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLIEGENCE AND PRAYER** by Chief Niehuis
4. **RECOGNITION OF GUESTS** Tim Wallen, Sara Meacham, Daniel Brubaker, Nathan Aho, Ryan Maher, John Patterson, Brandon Green, Chris Allman, Chief Dave Niehuis, Kathy Schlichting, Wendy Sharp, Union rep Randy Hautem, Jacob York on the phone representing JVG,
5. **REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE**
 - A. Chair Summary- None by Grey Murphy
 - B. Financial Report and Discussion – Jacob York from JVG gave the financial report for July 2024. Tax Revenue collected is \$6,559.00 68,727, non-Tax revenue collected is \$338,686. This was the sum of the grant revenue of \$338,686 and Wildland revenue of \$57,537. Expenses are \$167,042
 - C. Chief's Report and discussion – See attachment and the Chief ending the report with a statement that there has some miss understanding and he is taking steps to resolve the situation.
6. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. The Board has reviewed the Financial Report for July 2024.
 - B. The Board has reviewed and approved the meeting minutes for July 23, 2024.
7. **BUSINESS**
 - A. Motion that the Board has approved the consent agenda. Motion to approve the consent agenda by Randy Mifflin, 2nd by Paul Kovacic, Call for the vote, Vote Yes unanimous
 - B. **Discussion and possible action:** County Bank account was discussed by Kathy Schlichting stating the fact that we have only around \$9,000 left in the county fund. Requesting that the board approve transferring money from the Special Revenue to the County fund to keep this fund solvent until we receive tax revenue. John Vehar motioned that transfer \$125,000 from the Special Revenue into the county fund by a cashier check. 2nd by Gregg McClendon, no further discussion, Call for the vote, Vote Yes unanimous
 - C. **Discussion and possible action:** Chief Niehuis discussed the repairs made on the 2002 Brush Truck which included rebuilding the pump and repairing electrical problems, The repairs came to \$7,655.41 which is over his limit and requested the board approve the cost of these repairs. Randy Mifflin motioned to approve \$7,655.41 to repair the 2002 Brush truck. 2nd by Gregg McClendon, no further discussion, Call for the vote, Vote Yes unanimous. Tank Repairs were done on the older Tender it is back in service, the grant SB1720 paid for the 2023 F150 command vehicle, and the deposit was put on the Tender being built. The engine 103 was sold for \$20,000 and the ambulance has not been sold yet.
 - D. **Discussion and possible action:** Kevin Vickers is now a certified Engine Boss and currently on assignment. Mike Godleski took an assignment for another agency but will be willing to role for Vernon upon his return. Mike Norman is on an assignment in Oregon.
 - E. **Discussion and possible action:** Station 26- Estate of Integrity auto, Jodie Fails provided receipts for items he purchased to our attorney. These items will be pulled from the other items and Jodie Fails will be given a period to prove that he has the legal right to these items. We have not heard from Allonna Padilla or her attorney. Chief has not had any update on the Tower.
 - F. **Discussion and possible action:** Chief Niehuis discussed the Arizona Special District Alliance with the board. This may be an alliance that they can assist the small rural district. He plans to attend a meeting and report back to the board next week.
 - G. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC** –Tim Wallen stated that he came since he has not attended for a while. Sara Meacham presented a letter to the board representing the Firefighters requesting the board to investigate the conduct of Chief Niehuis towards the Firefighters. Grey Murphy asks if anyone else had anything to say and no one else requested to speak.
8. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Arizona Special District Alliance, Station 26 issues, Wildland, and Vehicles.
9. **ADJOURMENT** Randy Mifflin motioned that they adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Paul Kovacic, no further discussion, Call for the vote, Vote Yes unanimous. Grey Murphy stated the meeting is adjourned at 6:25PM