

THE PUBLIC HEARING AND BOARD MEETING OF THE VERNON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD

June 20, 2023, at 4:30 pm at Vernon Public Library Vernon AZ

1. **CALL TO ORDER 4:31** By Chairman

2. **ROLL CALL OF Board** John Vehar, Gregg McClendon, Paul Kovacic present. On phone is Grey Murphy, and Randy Mifflin.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE 2023/2024 TENTATIVE BUDGET** Open for public comments. No public present.

4. **ADJOURNMENT TO REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING** Chair moved into regular board meeting

5. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & PRAYER**

6. **RECOGNITION OF GUESTS** Bard Summers arrived at 5:30

7. REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE

A. Chair Summary-Talked about the Auxiliary Pancake feed last Saturday. Reminded the board about AFDA coming up.

B. Chief's Report and discussion – See attachment.

C. Financial Report and discussion- Ben Archer-Clowes gave the financial report for May 2023. Tax revenue for May was \$23,569 and non-tax revenue was \$160,252. Expenses were \$96,263. We ended the month with cash on hand \$205,785.10.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

A. The Board has reviewed the Financial Report for MAY 2023

B. The Board has reviewed and approve the May 16, and May 30, 2023, meeting minutes.

9. BUSINESS

A. Motion that the Board has approved the consent agenda. Motion made by Randy Mifflin, 2nd by Grey Murphy, Vote Unanimous.

B. **Discussion and possible Action:** Call for a motion to adopt the 2023/2024 Budget at mill rate 3.50. Motion made by Grey Murphy, 2nd by Randy Mifflin, Call for the vote, Vote Unanimous.

C. **Discussion and Possible Action:** Tower update by Chief Niehuis. Tower Company requesting to review their contract to include station 1 putting either a temporary tower or permanent tower. The Chair call for a consensus of the board to allow Chief Niehuis to go into discussion with the company to put a tower at station 1 and 2 and bring the information back to the board, Unanimous.

D. **Discussion and Possible Action:** Bard Summers was given the floor to discuss his Fire Bill. The consensus was that Bard Summers would discuss his options with Kathy and bring back to the board next month what the agreement will be.

E. **Discussion and Possible Action:** Possible lease agreement for station 26. Chief Niehuis was approached by Integrity Auto to lease part of Station 2. After discussion the Chair called for a motion to give permission to the Chief to investigate forming an agreement with the owner and bring it back to the board next month. Paul Kovacic motioned, Gregg McClendon 2nd, Vote Unanimous.

F. **Discussion and Possible Action:** State Funding Update was discussed by Chief that Representative Marshall told him this afternoon that the state will be giving Vernon Fire District the million dollars in one lump sum expecting the money to arrive by the first part of July.

G. **Discussion and Possible Action:** Wage Scale, Pay for staff, Chief Salary, and benefits. The chief recommends a new wage scale and a one time bonus using some of the million dollars for the staff. It was also discussed by the Board to include a salary increase for the Chief. Resolution 2023-002 was read in full, Paul Kovacic motion to approve resolution 2023-002 Gregg McClendon 2nd, Call for the vote, Vote Unanimous. Resolution 2023-003 was read in full, Randy Mifflin motion to approve the resolution 2023-003, Grey Murphy 2nd, Call for the vote, Vote Unanimous

10. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC** – No Public

9. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**, VFIS, TOWER UPDATE, STATION 2 LEASE, Mr. Summers, resolution to the county that we keep any carryover, letter we did not incurred any indebtedness in 2022/23, update on Adashi

10. **ADJOURNMENT** Motion to adjourn by Grey Murphy, Gregg McClendon 2nd, adjourned at 6:17