

## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING OF VERDE VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS, HELD OCTOBER 22, 2013, AT FIRE STATION 32, 1120 SOUTH PAGE SPRINGS ROAD, CORNVILLE, AZ.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** 10:04 AM

**PRESENT:**

Bob Eddingfield  
Ken Bishop  
Matt Robertson  
Thomas Rhodes  
Henry Martin (absent)

**STAFF:**

Fire Chief Hazime  
AC Doerksen (absent)  
Debbie Spingola

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** **Motion** was made by Matt Robertson to approve the agenda as presented. Second was made by Ken Bishop. **Motion** carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** **Motion** was made by Matt Robertson to waive the reading of and to approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on September 24, 2013 and the Regular Meeting held on September 24, 2013. Second was made by Thomas Rhodes with one minor change. Under the "Approval of the Minutes" section, should read "*Motion carried 4-1*" instead of 5-1. Amendment seconded by Matt Robertson. **Motion** carried unanimously.

**SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES:** NONE

**UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES:** NONE

**CALL TO PUBLIC:** NONE

**REPORTS & CURRENT EVENTS:**

**Motion** was made by Ken Bishop to accept the Financial Reports as presented. Second was made by Thomas Rhodes. **Motion** carried unanimously.

- Chief Hazime reviewed the Wildland Report.
- Chief Hazime is working with Yavapai Emergency Management to create a program for disposing of hazardous materials. He will keep the Board updated on progress.
- Chief Hazime attended a luncheon with Governor Brewer and other business people to support the Arizona Fallen Fire Fighters and Emergency Paramedics Memorial located at Wesley Bolin Plaza in Phoenix. Approximately 1.5 million is needed for the project.
- VVFD Personnel had one garage fire on Rainbow drive. No injuries were reported.
- VVFD is moving forward with the paperwork process to apply for a grant for an Exhaust System for Station 31. We are just waiting for the grant process to open up.
- A Shift Personnel were on hand for a Fire Inspection/Fire Drill at Country Care Assisted Living Home. Fire Marshal Flummer will follow up with drills and include the different shifts.
- FM Flummer gave a development update on Crazy Tony's. FM Flummer stated this is the largest construction project in Cornville since Station 32 was built.
- Wellness Program/Fit for Duty Policy will be reviewed by the Policy Review Committee.
- VVFD had four members who attended Fire House Training in Phoenix.
- The Verde Valley Fire Foundation is still considering donating a 2<sup>nd</sup> Bariatric Stretcher. The recent Golf Tournament was a success, raising approximately \$2,780.00. The next scheduled event the Foundation is planning is a Winter Dance in February.
- Chief Hazime gave an overview of the AZ Fire Service Institute, and organization that he has been

attending. Some agenda topics they have covered are; Legislative updates, CON Committee Bill, Yarnell Hill Fire Incident Questions, and confusing language between ASRS/PSRS/SS.

- Chief Hazime recognized and thanked B Shift Personnel for working on the landscape at Station 31. B Shift Personnel were also recognized with a thank you card from Kids Against Hunger. They helped unload boxes for the organization.
- Skip Heyer is working on the SHARE Program, Heart Safe Cities Application. Chief Hazime reviewed the criteria it takes to be recognized. Certificates will be given to successful agencies. Recognized cities will have signs posted up around their community stating they are a “Heart Smart Community.”
- VVFD was recognized in Rusty’s Morning Star Ranch newsletter. Personnel attended Ranchers Appreciation Day.
- Chief Hazime reviewed the Incident Call Volume Report.

Bob Eddingfield was approached by the American Legion, Post 25 and invited to attend a Flag Burning Ceremony, Monday November 11<sup>th</sup>. They will also be busing in school kids for the ceremony.

## **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**

**Review of Legislation, Issues and Other Organizations or Agencies that may impact Verde Valley Fire District-** The votes came in for adding a Fire Station in Amante. The project failed. To pass, the project needed 2/3 votes of the total number of units and not the total of actual voters. Chief Hazime has asked to be put on next agenda to say thank you for the support we have received.

**New Engine Bid Award-** Board Members were supplied with bid information in their Board Packet. Captain Mark Dixon and other crew members were instrumental in putting together the bid specs. VVFD will be partnering with Show Low Fire District during the bid process and have received 4 proposals. Board Members were able to ask questions about the proposals and determined the lowest proposal did not meet the required specifications. Board Members were able to discuss the specs and expectations for the new engine. Board Members discussed the Rosenbaur bid that will be \$417, 930.00 plus an approximate tax of 8%.

**Motion** was made by Thomas Rhodes to accept the bid for the purchase of the new engine from Rosenbaur of \$417,930.00 and bring back to the Board if the taxes exceed the budgeted amount of \$475,00.00. Second was made by Ken Bishop. **Motion** carried unanimously.

**Acceptance of Financial Support from Local 3690-** Chief Hazime reviewed the letter VVFD received from the Local 3690 regarding their offer to help with the cost of legal fees in relation to the MOU Agreement. Board Members discussed their opinions. Thomas Rhodes feels this is a gracious and appropriate offer. Bob Eddingfield disagreed stating tax payers might look at it negatively. Thomas Rhodes pointed out the letter also stated, “*No matter what decision the Board may make...*” Matt Robertson stated if they are willing to pay for a portion of the process we should accept the offer.

**Motion** was made by Matt Robertson to accept aid and cost recovery from Local 3690, for legal advice in regards to the MOU process, contingent on approval by legal staff. Second was made by Thomas Rhodes. **Motion** carried 3-1 with Bob Eddingfield opposed.

Chief Hazime will add the MOU Agreement to next month’s agenda and will try to arrange to have VVFD Attorney Bill Whittington attend.

**Fire Chief’s Annual Performance Evaluation and Compensation Plan - Executive Session –** The Verde Valley Fire District Board may vote to go into Executive Session on Agenda Item F Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03.A.(1). **Motion** was made by Matt Robertson to adjourn to Executive Session. Second was made by Thomas Rhodes. **Motion** carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: 10:48a.m.**

**ADJOURNMENT FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION: 11:20 a.m.**

**RESUME REGULAR MEETING: 11:25 a.m.**

**Fire Chief's Annual Performance Evaluation and Compensation Plan-**

**Motion** was made by Matt Robertson to adjust the Chief's pay and benefit plan to reflect the increase the rest of the employees received. Second was made by Thomas Rhodes. **Motion** carried unanimously.

**Motion** was made by Thomas Rhodes to adjourn. Second was made by Matt Robertson. **Motion** carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT: 11:28 AM**

**BOARD CLERK:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

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