

CHINO VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE FIRE BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 18 2008

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Board Chairman Bill Wagner at 7:00 PM

II. ROLL CALL

Board members present: Bill Wagner, Jack Garner, Bob McLandress, Hans Vang and David McConnell.
Board members absent: None

III. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Shawn Tarver spoke about insurance, dental and vision plans presented by Melissa Pruzina and Sedona Financial and asked that the board consider Melissa over Sedona Financial as her agency can do the same as Sedona Financial and she is local.

Motion made by Jack Garner, second by Hans Vang to enter into Executive Session for legal advice pursuant to A. R. S. §38-431.03(A)(3) concerning Items C & E under New Business on the agenda, property for the Food Bank and pay plan errors. Motion carried with a unanimous vote. All members of the public left the room.

Return to regular session.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes of Regular Session of November 18, 2008 and Special Session of December 2, 2008 made by Jack Garner, second by Hans Vang. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion and possible action concerning change in health insurance plan for the District employees. Discussion and possible action may also include dental, vision and life insurance changes.

Chief Ginn recommended staying with Blue Cross Blue Shield of AZ for health insurance coverage. He also recommended keeping M Pruzina Insurance Benefits LLC as the agent for employee health, dental, vision, and life insurance policies. Bill Wagner went over the costs for insurance and asked the board to decide what agency they want to work with.

Motion made by Hans Vang, second by Dave McConnell to stay with M Pruzina Insurance Benefits LLC. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion made by Hans Vang, second by Jack Garner to keep the policy from BCBS of AZ and just renew it for 2009. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Fire Chief instructed to bring further recommendations to the board in a future meeting for dental, vision, and life insurance options.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and possible action to approve Expenditure and budget reports for November 2008.

Discussion included Chief Ginn relating to the board that tax revenue received so far this year are in line with percentages as expected. Bill Wagner stated that capital improvement items may be ordered at this time. Bob McLandress made a motion to accept the budget and expenditure reports for November 2008 as presented, second by Hans Vang. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

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B. Discussion and possible action concerning an application from Drake Cement LLC to be annexed into the fire district, Resolution No. 2008-0132.

Fire Board agreed a visit with the owners of Drake Cement is in order before approving the annexation. Chief Ginn talked some about the background of the cement plant and future plans. Hans Vang made a motion to table this item until more information is received and a meeting with the owner's takes place, second by Bob McLandress. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

C. Discussion and possible action concerning possible error in administration of the current pay plan.

Bill Wagner went over the past history of the pay plans and reasons for the current plan. Discussion on errors included most all employees are overpaid 1.5% since July 1, 2007. Bill recommended placing all employees in the correct plan as of January 1, 2009. Other board members recommended July 1, 2009 placing employees in the correct plan. Also six employees are in the wrong step in the pay plan.

Bob McLandress made a motion that the board does not ask for restitution of the overpayment amounts, second by Hans Vang. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Bob McLandress made a motion to continue paying employees as they are paid now and place them in the correct pay plan amounts as of July 1, 2008, second by Hans Vang. Vote was Jack Garner, Bob McLandress, Hans Vang and David McConnell approved the motion; Bill Wagner did not agree or approve. Motion carries.

Jack Garner made a motion to leave the employees who are in the wrong pay step as they are now and place them into the correct step on July 1, 2009 second by Hans Vang. Vote was Jack Garner, Bob McLandress, Hans Vang and David McConnell approved the motion; Bill Wagner did not agree or approve. Motion carries.

D. Discussion and possible action concerning moving the January meeting to January 22, 2009 to allow Board Members and staff to attend the AFDA Conference.

Hans Vang made a motion to move the January 2009 meeting to January 22, 2009 to allow staff and board members to attend the AFDA conference, second by Jack Garner. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

E. Discussion concerning property for the Food Bank.

Staff directed to discuss the property with the food bank representatives and let them know on advice from our Attorney we can't use tax monies for private uses and have no room on the property for their building. Current fire board should not encumber future boards with leases or promises.

F. Discussion concerning department growth and PSPRS.

Board discussed concerns of PSPRS rates and the future of the retirement system.

VII. CHIEF'S REPORT

Significant Calls:

2 fatality accidents happened this month.

Building Projects:

Station 64 update: A lot of the utilities have been shut off and the building winterized. The town may be interested in a land swap in the future. If growth continues on the east side of Chino Valley, a fire station will be needed.

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TRT:

Four employees completed a TRT class and were able to assist in a rescue on Mingus Mountain. A Regional Technical Rescue Team is being created and Chief Ginn would like to participate.

An Open House for the new station will be held on January 3, 2009. Ads will be placed in the newspapers.

An article was placed in the AFDA news this month. Copies will be provided to the Board. Also available on the AFDA website: www.afdanews.org.

Juniper Woods Fire District sent a Thank You card to the district for donation of the engine. They are very appreciative and will use it well.

Make-A-Wish Foundation asked Chino Valley Fire District to build a playhouse for a child in the area. The project is underway, a bit larger than anticipated. Cody Rose and a crew are starting the building in January. The play house is two-story and includes a slide.

Final payment to the contractor for Station 62 is being withheld until all items are completed.

The Town of Chino Valley will have a vote coming up soon to approve the Home Rule. If this is not passed by voters it may have a significant impact on the district, roads maintenance, utilities, etc. Carefully consider voting for approval of the Home Rule for the Town.

C-shift under the direction of Captain Mayhall helped a resident with a water line problem and went back to her house the next day and completed the job. She stood up in a Town Council meeting and thanked the crew publicly. Nice to have this kind of recognition at a Town Council meeting.

Glenn Davidson headed up a team and decorated a fire engine to participate in the Prescott Valley Light parade this month.

A dinner at the fire station was donated for a fund raiser for the Chamber of Commerce. A couple came and had dinner with Station 62 A shift. Captain Ben Buchanan was a good host for the evening.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.