

CHINO VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE FIRE BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING APRIL 16 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Board Chairman Bill Wagner at 7:08 PM

II. ROLL CALL

Board members present: Bill Wagner, Jack Garner and David McConnell

Board members absent: Hans Vang and Bob McLandress

III. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No one spoke.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Dave McConnell, with a second by Jack Garner to approve the Minutes of Regular Session of March 19, 2009. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Discussion included the Reduction in Force Policy and Contract with the Sheriff's Office. Both will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion and possible action to approve developing specs and beginning bid process for new Type 1 Engine

Chief Ginn stated we will need to replace one engine soon to have a reliable first out engine. It will replace the 1993 Central States and approximate cost of \$425,000. It will be a pumper, first out engine. It will take about a year to get it in.

A motion to approve beginning developing specs for a new first out engine and begin the bid process made by Jack Garner, second by Dave McConnell. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and possible action concerning the fiscal year expenditure and budget reports through March 2009.

Items Discussed included:

Overtime, Legal Charges, BC Uniforms, SCBA Repairs, Rescue Struts, Furniture, AZ Fire Institute, Paramedic Training. Also the question of per diem was discussed and how we administer this.

A motion to approve the expenditure and budget reports through March 2009 made by Dave McConnell, second by Jack Garner. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

B. Discussion and possible action to approve Fire Protections Contract: Brandon Haver, 24005 and 24015 Riviera Ave in Paulden, AZ (two properties)

This property is in Paulden next to the old Paulden Volunteer Building. A motion made by Jack Garner, seconded by Dave McConnell to approve the contract with Mr. Haver. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

C. Discussion concerning Fiscal Year 2009-2010 budget.

No changes from the preliminary budget presented at the workshop. There is still some work that needs to be done before the next workshop. Bill Wagner discussed the spreadsheets he prepared and sent to the admin office. It shows two previous years, current year and the projected year with differences. He suggests it is a better format for reviewing and developing the new budget.

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He also suggests a separate companion document listing items in each category in more detail. The project managers should be in charge of developing these details.

D. Discussion and possible action to set date to review budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010. Date of May 7, 2009 at 6:00 has been suggested.

A motion was made by Jack Garner, second by Dave McConnell to set a date of May 7, 2009 at 6:00 pm for a Budget Workshop. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

E. Discussion and possible action to approve Fire Investigator's IGA between Chino Valley Fire District and Central Yavapai Fire District.

Central Yavapai Fire District has already approved the IGA, just needs our approval or changes if necessary. Any changes will need to be sent back to Central for approving. Chief Ginn did not see any changes that needed to be made. Dave McConnell clarified if he could vote since he works for Central. Because he is not a fire investigator nor will he benefit from the IGA he was advised that it is alright for him to vote.

A motion to approve the IGA with Central Yavapai Fire District for Fire Investigator's services when needed made by Jack Garner, second by Bill Wagner. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

F. Discussion and overview of Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Capital Projects.

Bill Wagner gave out some handouts and graphs and information on past years budgets. Capital Projects discussed included:

- Radio Microwave Upgrade – carry over to next year
- Opticom – carry over to next year as the roads are not ready
- Concrete replacement – will be at St. 61 not St. 63
- Airmation – still planned for this year
- Extractors – have been ordered for this year
- Radios – ordered, should be in this year
- Fuel Storage – probably not this year
- Cardiac Monitor – carry over to next year
- Hose Tester Rack – should be completed this year
- Floor Buffer – should be completed this year
- Mechanics Tools – should be completed this year

VII. CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Ginn suggests that a set of by-laws be created for how the Board will conduct business of the District. There has been some confusion in the past on what the intent has been or to be able to look at a set of rules on how to conduct business.

We will put this on the agenda for the May 2009 meeting.

Other items:

2 new paramedics – orientation at the hospital still to come but they passed the class.

Parker, Rendl, and Buchanan attended the Fire Service Institute classes. They felt like it was well worth their time and effort. Everyone who has attended has come back feeling like it was an excellent program.

Make-a-wish project – Cody Rose talked about the playhouse being built for an 8 year old cancer patient here in Chino Valley. Cody headed up the project. It is at Hazel and Road 1 South area. Many firefighters from the area got together to build this 16 x 16 playhouse with lots of amenities.

The steering box and steering pump on Engine 63 went out and had to have a new one built. The engine is now back in service.

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On April 7, 2009 a load hose flew off a truck and struck a vehicle on the hood, roof and the nozzle went through the windshield of the passenger side windshield of the car. Cost is \$3900 to fix. Driver was not injured except for some glass pieces. The car is in the repair shop. BC Miller took the driver to get a rental car and helped her get on her way. Because of this we are making modifications to our engines to make sure this does not happen again. The new engines do not have this problem, just the older ones. Will cost about \$1500 to fix the problem. Unfortunately Doug Copenhaver was the driver that day, not his fault, just failure of the engine hose bed.

BC Young was IC for a 13 car pile up on Highway 89 last month. Because of the wind and lack of visibility, there was a 13 car pileup with 2 minor injuries and 1 significant injury. 9 cars were totaled in the accident and 1-boat. Highway was closed for about 3 hours. It was around the Del Rio area.

A patient was flown from Drake Cement last month with significant burns. Cause of the incident was not totally known, just that the patient was welding.

We responded to an accident on Prescott parkway with Prescott Fire. The police were in pursuit of a vehicle and it ran the light and hit another car causing a significant accident.

Building Project: The walls are up on the storage building and they are doing the sub-floor plumbing this week and pouring cement next week. It is progressing but we are having some problems with our Civil Engineer. We are sending him a registered letter tomorrow because we can't get in contact with him. His cell phone box is full and he is not being very responsive. If we do not hear from him after he receives the registered letter, we will contact Bill Whittington to follow up. We have some problems with his engineering on the side of our building and if we don't hear from him we will ask for our money back and go to another engineering firm. Another problem is the Fiber Optic Lines are also giving us a problem along the front of our property. It is causing us some delays at this point. Qwest is not comfortable with us dropping the coverage depth over their fiber optic. They want us to move the fiber optic lines and it is expensive. There are other options but we need the civil engineer to advise us.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned by Bill Wagner at 8:15 pm.

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.. The reason we hire a chief is a hierarchy. The Board hires the Chief who takes care of the organization. Theoretically the crews are allowed to attend and listen, that is the open meeting law. The Fire chief is supposed to present everything to the board. Now, if the fire chief wants to ask the board to agendize the group coming, he can do that. And that is the part maybe I wasn't clear on. But to just have a labor group say chairman we want to be on your agenda, we are not going to do that. It has to be the Chief and the Chairman that puts the agenda together. So anytime the Chief wants to have labor speak to the Board it could be because the Chief wants them to present something to the Board or there is a dispute between labor and the Chief and he gives labor permission to come to the Board. As long as everybody understands the Chief answers to the Board, so everything we do should go through the Chief to the organization and to the employees and that's all it is. So really you have total control when it comes to what comes to the Board.

Chief Ginn: I don't have a problem with any of that. I think there are several things that the By-Laws could clear up. I heard at one of the AFDA meetings that it would be good to have. That's why I brought it up, if we want to look at doing anything like that. If we want to talk about this any more it needs to be on the agenda. We will put this on the agenda for the May 2009 meeting.