

**Mayer Fire District**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, March 17, 2021 4:30PM**  
**Mayer Fire Administration**

**1 Call to order.**

Chairperson Baca called the meeting to order at 4:31 P.M.

**2 Pledge of allegiance**

**3 Roll Call of members**

Present were Chairperson Baca, Acting Clerk Junkins, Member Provinzano, Member Montgomery (telephonically). All present.

**4 Call to the public. (The Fire Board can only respond to items on the Agenda, Comments limited to two minutes each.)**

There was no public comment.

**5 Chief's Report:**

**a) Monthly and year-to-date financials**

Chief Smith reviewed monthly financials with the Board.  
At the end of February we are in the positive.

The new ambulance collection company starts on Monday, March 22, 2021.

**b) Current event report**

Chief Smith recognized Captain LaRue, Firefighter/Paramedic Janine Jaber and Captain Alanis for their commendable efforts on a difficult call last week.

Recognition certificates were presented to Firefighter/Paramedic Janine Jaber and Captain Jake Alanis in the meeting. A certificate will be given to Captain LaRue, who was not in attendance at the board meeting. Sheriff Blankenship also responded to the call. A certificate was given to him earlier in the day.

Other current events included a semi accident on I17 and a snow day consisting of seven accidents with no injuries.

All of the approved vendor changes and additions have started to be slowly implemented. The new records management system went live last Monday, March 15 and there has been training this week. The new payroll system goes live on Monday, March 22.

We received initial licensing from the FCC for moving the repeater in Spring Valley up to Crown King which will get the District out of a \$10,000.00 a year tower lease. The move of the equipment will begin next month. There will also be a battery back-up for power outages which was not on the current set up.

Additional FEMA grant money of about \$100,000.00 has been awarded for SCBA purchases.

Chief Smith met with James Gregory, the new County Board Supervisor for this area. They discussed federal funding for time lost due to Covid, and general needs of the area.

The newer Mayer Fire truck should be here in about two weeks.

**6 Mayer Chapter of the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) Local #3066 (the Union) report.**

Captain Alanis had nothing new to report regarding union activity.

Chief Smith added that one of our local brothers took his own life this morning, leaving a wife and young kids. Chief Smith reminded all in attendance that the mental health of our responders is paramount.

**7 Consent Agenda**

Acting Clerk Junkins motioned to accept the Consent Agenda items a-h. Chairperson Baca seconded the motion. The vote was Aye 4, No-0. All present voting Aye. Motion carried.

The Board agreed to skip to Item #11 at this time.

**11 Resolution 2021-02.1 approving the submittal of a grant to the Gila River Indian Community for firefighter turn-outs**

Acting Clerk Junkins motioned to approve the resolution for submittal of the grant to the Gila River Indian Community for firefighter turn-outs. Chairperson Baca seconded the motion. The vote was Aye 4, No-0. All present voting Aye. Motion carried.

The Board then addressed Item #10.

**10 Approval of Revised Regular Meeting Minutes from January 20, 2021**

Acting Clerk Junkins motioned to approve the Revised Regular Meeting Minutes from January 20, 2021. Chairperson Baca seconded the motion. The vote was Aye-4, No-0. All present voting Aye. Motion carried.

The Board then addressed Items #12- #14.

**12 Fundraiser for firefighters second set of turnouts**

Acting Clerk Junkins stated that she will no longer be available for the Saturday Cornhole tournament fundraising efforts. She estimated the fundraiser has generated about \$600.00. She will bring the donations to Suzanne at Mayer Fire to be deposited.

**13 Future Agenda items**

Possibly approving an IGA (Intergovernmental Agreement) for employee and equipment sharing between MFD (Mayer Fire District) and WVFD (Williamson Valley Fire District) to organize how each will be reimbursed and made whole when sharing occurs.

Remove Item #12 from future agendas.

As a side note, Chief Smith invited everyone to attend the fire department Award/Holiday Extravaganza at Plaza Bowl 6:00pm Saturday December 11, 2021.

**14 Future meeting dates**

The next regular board meeting will be on Wednesday April 21, 2021 at 4:30 P.M.

The meeting returned to Agenda Item #8.

**8 The Board may vote to go into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(1) to interview for the open Board Member position.**

Chairperson Baca motioned to go into Executive Session. Member Provinzano seconded the motion. The vote was Aye-4, No-0. All present voting Aye. Motion carried.

4:53 P.M. Public Session ends.

5:20 P.M. Public Session resumes.

**9 Possible appointment of a Board Member**

Chairperson Baca stated that there were two candidates that applied for the Board vacancy. Both have been interviewed. The Board has discussed both candidates and will move forward with the possible appointment.

Member Provinzano motioned to appoint Tom Thurman to the vacant Board seat. Member Montgomery seconded the motion. The vote was Aye-3, No-0, Abstain-1, Chairperson Baca abstaining. Motion carried.

**15 Adjournment**

Chairperson Baca adjourned the meeting at 5:20 P.M.

Clerk

Date:

4/21/2021