

Mayer Fire District
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 20, 2022 4:30PM
Mayer Fire Administration

1 Call to order

Chairman Thurman called the meeting to order at 4:32 P.M.

2 Pledge of allegiance

3 Roll Call of members

Present were Chairman Thurman, Clerk Runyan, Member Junkins (telephonically). Member Baca was not present.

4 Acceptance of Ryan Montgomery's resignation as Governing Board Member effective March 23, 2022

Clerk Runyan motioned to accept Ryan Montgomery's resignation. Member Junkins seconded the motion. The vote was Aye-3, No-0 all present voting Aye. Motion carried.

5 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.

6 Chief's Report:

a) March financials

Chief Smith reviewed his monthly report with the Board.

There were about 200 calls which is a little down from where we have been.

Financials are good. Ambulance revenue is up.

The County came up with a new budget form.

Workmen's Compensation expense is going up by 105%. Arizona State created the problem, so they have considered funding the firefighters' workmen's comp fund with some of the surplus that the State budget has. Twenty-five million dollars has been requested in order to fund the pool. If the State does this, it will drop our rates a little.

The preliminary budget will be sent to the County and by the next meeting there will be a more detailed budget that will need to be posted after the May board meeting.

The Department of Homeland Security awarded Mayer Fire District a grant to purchase Chem Pro 100 which is used by hazmat technicians to identify unknown aerosols. They are about \$28,000.00. The money will come in the new federal fiscal year.

We will order new monitors with federal appropriations from Senator Kelly.

The Arizona Fire District Safety Act is still alive

b) Current event report

Better than half the department and most of our spare apparatus are on the Crooks fire, including a REMs team for firefighter rescue.

Type I incident is the largest type of incident. On April 20, the Crooks fire transitioned to a Type I incident. The Type I Incident Command is coming from California since the Type I Incident Command teams from Arizona were already assigned to other fires, elsewhere.

Evacuations are in effect for Walker, Potato Patch, Breezy Pines. There is a "Ready" order for Poland Junction.

There was a structure fire in Cordes Lakes which was a total loss for the primary call. The neighboring residence was saved.

Chief Smith met with the new manager for Priority Ambulance last week to discuss a mutual aid agreement. They would compete with AMR locally.

They have a Certificate of Necessity (CON) that allows them to operate in our area and beyond, if needed. They expect to be fully up and running by October.

7 ***Mayer Chapter of the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) Local #3066 (the Union) report***
There was nothing to report.

8 ***Consent Agenda***

Member Junkins motioned to accept the consent agenda items a-h as posted. Clerk Runyan seconded the motion. The vote was Aye-3, No-0, all present voting Aye. Motion carried.

9 ***Possibly paying off Type 3 Engine***

Chief Smith explained that have some excess funds. Part of it will be used to get an ambulance remounted. If we don't pay it off, the Type 3 engine has a \$50,000.00 payment this year and the next four years. The payoff is \$275,000.00. There should be enough excess funds at the end of this year to pay that off. If the funds exist, we are asking the Board to approve the payoff or as much as reasonable.

Member Junkins motioned to pay off the Type 3 Brush Engine, not to exceed \$275,000.00. Clerk Runyan seconded the motion. The vote was Aye-3, No-0, all present voting Aye. Motion carried.

10 ***United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) loan / title***

The new loan has been funded with the first payment due to Kansas State Bank in July. If we can't clear up the title paperwork by then, we will start making double payments on the loan, paying the USDA loan and the Kansas State Bank loan. Once the title work is cleared up, we can get a refund of the overpayment.
No action taken.

11 ***Filling open Board Member position***

We will advertise the position.
No action needed.

12 ***Resolution adopting the International Fire Code 2018 Edition***

The current edition is 2012. The County and the State have the 2018 edition. The most current edition is 2021. Chief Smith is asking the Board to adopt the 2018 edition so that we use the same edition as the County and the State.

Clerk Runyan motioned to accept the resolution adopting the International Fire Code 2018 Edition. Member Junkins seconded the motion. The vote was Aye-3, No-0, all present voting Aye. Motion carried.

13 ***Purchase of an Air & Light vehicle for \$25,000 from Buckeye Valley Fire District.***

This is a utility truck with a light tower on it. It has an air fill station for SCBA's (Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus). It would also be able to carry the hazmat equipment and the technical rescue equipment.

Clerk Runyan motioned to purchase the Air and Light vehicle for \$25,000.00 from Buckeye Valley Fire District. The vote was Aye-3, No-0, all present voting Aye. Motion carried.

Budget form from the Arizona Auditor General

's report, Item 6.

Businesses regarding preplans

Member Junkins referred to a local call that the paramedics did not know where to go once at the address, which was Creekside Cabins, or how to get out from the scene.

Chief responded that there is new GPS (Global Positioning System) software that should help address this. But it is a good idea to have the firefighters visit and know surroundings, including new additions and businesses.

16 ***Mayer Daze***

Mayer Daze is in October. The fire department is always involved.
No action taken.

17 ***Future Agenda items***

Preliminary budget

18 Future meeting dates

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday May 18, 2022 at 4:30 P.M.

19 Adjournment.

Member Junkins motioned to adjourn the meeting. Clerk Runyan seconded the motion. The vote was Aye - 3, No-0, all present voting Aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Thurman called the meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

 MAY 18, 2022

~~Clerk Madsen~~

Date