

Mayer Fire District
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 15, 2023 4:30 PM
Mayer Fire Administration

1 ***Call to order***

Chairman Thurman called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M.

2 ***Pledge of allegiance***

3 ***Roll Call of members***

Present were Chairman Thurman, Clerk Tang, Member Junkins, Member Lundeen. Member Baca was not 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 his monthly report with the Board.

There were 155 calls for service in January.

We applied for and were awarded a DHS (Department of Health and Safety) rate increase of 11% for ambulance billing.

All grants have been turned in. The Assistance to Firefighters grant period closed last Friday. We put in for grants for MFD (Mayer Fire District) and some regional grants.

MFD applied for a regional grant of \$140,000.00 for 3 heart monitors. WVFD (Williamson Valley Fire District) applied for a regional grant of \$300,000.00 for hoses, nozzles, tools, fittings and related items.

Senator Kelly's office phoned to offer a letter of support for our grant applications.

We will be submitting an application next month for a federal grant. The SAFER (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response) grant awards funding for additional staffing for a three-year period. MFD will apply for three full-time firefighters, one on each shift.

MFD will also be applying for a SAFER grant for four-year recruitment and retention funding. This will help fund regional training and other recruitment and retention items.

Firefighter physicals, including cancer screenings will be onsite at MFD Station #22 the week of May 1, 2023.

Judge Napper's office returned the check for the quiet title for Station #21. Effectively we got the property transferred to MFD ownership for the cost of the appraisals.

Engine #22 went out for repairs today for engine failure. Repairs could be from \$5-20,000 depending on the extent of repairs needed. A belt broke causing a cooling system failure which led to overheating. Repairs were made, but problems continued.

The new rescue remount is about a week out. We have received the final invoice. The ambulance should be in service by early March.

The Yavapai County net assessed value for MFD had a 9% increase. WVFD had the largest increase in the county at 10%. For MFD it will be about a two million dollar increase in net assessed value resulting in about \$100,000 in additional tax funding to the district.

Member Lundeen requested a Variance column be added to the P&L (Profit and Loss) financial summary in the consent agenda. There was additional discussion and explanation on the financial reports and some suggestions to improve the layout of the report.

b) *Current event report*

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

Nothing to report.

7 ***Consent Agenda***

Member Lundeen motioned to accept the consent agenda items a-h. Member Junkins seconded. The vote was Aye-4, No-0. All present voting Aye. Motion carried.

8 ***Update on land title for Station #21(10001 South Miami Street, Mayer***

This agenda item was addressed in the Chief's report, agenda item 5, above.

Chairman Thurman asked if discussion has ever come up with Senator Kelly's office regarding a station in Cordes Lakes. Chief Smith has asked the Senator's office if there will be any more Congressionally directed spending this year. The response was that they believe there will be. Chief Smith reminded them that the need for funding a fire station in Cordes Lakes has not gone away, in fact it has only gotten more expensive.

9 ***Update from Member Lundeen regarding a traffic light at Highway 69 and Old Sycamore Road***

Member Lundeen referred the Board to a memo written to the board. He summarized the memo. The traffic signal is an ADOT (Arizona Department of Transportation) issue, not a Yavapai County issue. ADOT recommended signage first and they do not have funding for this and referred him to Senator Kelly and Representative Elijah Crane. Member Lundeen recommended eastbound and westbound solar-powered signage with blinking lights 24- hours a day showing a fire engine. The estimate of cost is about \$3,500.00 each for the two proposed signs with lights. We would re-confirm with ADOT that they would cover the installation.

Member Lundeen motioned for MFD invest up to \$9,000.00 for a 24/7 flashing beacon for Eastbound and Westbound Highway 69 at the Old Sycamore Road intersection for solar powered 24-inch square fire station signage to advise vehicular traffic of the fire station, subject to ADOT installation and cost of permits involved. Member Junkins seconded the motion. The vote was Aye-4, No-0. All present voting Aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Thurman thanked Member Lundeen for his work on this proposed safety item.

10 ***Mayer Fire Governing Board Policies***

Tabled to March meeting.

11 ***Draft a letter to Williamson Valley Fire District's Governing Board to show support of them increasing Chief Smith's pay***

Chairman Thurman referred the board members to the draft of a letter. Chief Smith thanked the Board for their support. Battalion Chief LaGreca added that the Local 3066 Union Membership would be in support of this raise. Chairman Thurman suggested the Union provide a letter in support of a raise, as well. The letter from the Mayer Fire Board was edited for final approval.

Chairman Thurman made the motion to accept and send the letter. Clerk Tang seconded the motion. The vote was Aye-4, No-0. All present voting Aye. Motion carried.

12 ***Pie chart for budget mid-term***

Tabled to March meeting.

13 ***District Mission Statement and vision***

Chairman Thurman read the District Mission Statement aloud. A correction to a grammatical error in item #3 in core values was suggested. A correction to item #5 to include "and volunteers" was suggested.

14 ***Authorization to make final payment of \$88,872.70 to Firetrucks Unlimited for completion of ambulance remount***

Member Junkins motioned to approve the final payment of \$88,872.70. Member Lundeen seconded the motion.

The vote was Aye-4, No-0. All present voting Aye. Motion carried.

15 *Future Agenda items.*

Closing USDA Reserve account at Bank of the West and use of funds.
Board Policies
Pie Chart
Hazmat response
Audit

16 *Future meeting dates.*

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday March 15, 2023 at 5:15 P.M.

17 *Adjournment.*

Member Lundeen motioned to adjourn the meeting. Member Junkins seconded the motion. The vote was Aye-4, No-0. All present voting Aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Thurman called the meeting adjourned at 5:19 P.M.

Michelle Baca 03.15.2023
Clerk Tang *Date*