

MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETING

JULY 3, 2013 at 7:04 PM

The Harquahala Valley Fire District Governing Board convened in a Special Meeting on July 3, 2013 at the Harquahala Valley Fire Station located at 51501 W. Tonto Street Tonopah, AZ.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Michael Haynes announced Call to Order and commenced with the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America was recited by all in attendance.

ROLL CALL: Chairman Michael Haynes proceeded with roll call of board members.

Board Members Judy Henderson announced present

Board Member Frank Haas absent

Chairman Michael Haynes announced present

Board Member Charlie Kooistra announced present

Clerk Joe Roman absent

3 of 5 members were present

CALL TO PUBLIC: Chairman Michael Haynes proceeded with Call to The Public.

Carol Mellette- Carol stated that she was not happy about this meeting and that numerous times she had mentioned that there were errors. She indicated that this item on the agenda was voted for already and now questions are being raised.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: N/A

CHIEF'S REPORT: N/A

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Discussion and Possible Action:

Review and Possibly Amend Posted Budget FY 2013-2014

Chairman Michael Haynes called this meeting to order because the Levy @ 1.88 was previously 1.956 which was the intent to use when explained by the Chief. Also the AFDT was not correct. Budget was revised a number of times and after Chairman Michael Haynes continued to discuss the different budget given to him by the Chief and the numbers. Chairman Michael Haynes felt that the if the district keeps the levy at 1.956, taxes will be the same as last year but would put an increase in the contingency of about \$60,038.00 and the AFDT will calculate to \$284,976. He

explains that this past year's budget barely made it and if taxes are not collected there may be a short fall. The numbers would not change in the line items except for the contingency would increase. The AFDT will be corrected and the line item for income will be \$0. Chairman Michael Haynes explains that if there has been no income for the past few years then an amount should not be indicated if nothing has been collected.

Charlie Kooistra asked why change it. He said he admits he is not a number guy and does not understand why it needs to be changed. He asked if Chief was on board and the fire fighters.

Chairman Michael Haynes explains that the Chief is aware of the 1.956 and also explained to Charlie Kooistra how he came up with the calculation according to the county. He explains that for some reason the Chief did not calculate it right but the Chief is not here to go over it nor ask what he did to come to that calculation.

Captain Garcia – Agrees with the budget proposed tonight and if the department would have not received the \$202,000. from back taxes, the department would have been screwed.

Judy Henderson – She asked if the AFDT is correct. Judy was showing the Chairman what she believes the Chief did wrong. He was going off the Base which she feels was a big error. And 2nd point that Revision 11 the Board Voted that \$400.00 would be included in the budget for Accounting and the Chief did not put it in. Judy asked if the budget was put on hold for the posting. Chairman Michael Haynes said yes and according to the Board of Supervisors that there was time to post and if need be it could be amended. Judy does not believe the levy needs to be raised and would like it to stay at 1.88.

Chairman Michael Haynes explains his responsibilities and what he feels he needs to do for the future. He told Judy that if she wanted to vote no then no it is. He is doing what he feels best according to his experience and is only presenting this to the Board. If the Board Members present are going to vote no then no it is and it would not hurt his feelings.

Judy Henderson explains how cost need to be trimmed and Michael Haynes understand due to the fact that other departments are struggling.

Captain Garcia - Indicates that about a month ago the Budget Committee was will to go to a levy of 2.49 which was a huge increase and Mr. Haynes is just asking to keep it at what it was last year which is a lot less then what the Budget Committee was at.

The Chairman of the Board continues to explain his calculations vs. the Chiefs which there are different amounts which the of the Board does not understand how he came up with the amounts and the Chairman of the Board believes his calculations to be more accurate and feels confident with the numbers. He states that the Board is ultimately responsible for the Budget. So at this time he did not want to "beat a dead horse" which he felt was where the discussion was going.

Chairman Michael Haynes motions to amend posted budget which was voted June 26, 2013 for FY 13-14.

Charlie Kooistra seconds the motion.

Charlie Kooistra – Yes

Michael Haynes – Yes

Judy Henderson – No

Amended Posted Budget was approved 2-1

Charlie Kooistra motions to approve the Amended Budget for posting with a tax levy of 1.956 for FY 13-14.

Michael Haynes seconds the motion.

Charlie Kooistra – Yes

Michael Haynes – Yes

Judy Henderson – No

Amended Budget for posting with a tax levy of 1.956 approved 2-0.

Charlie Kooistra motions to adjourn.

Michael Haynes seconds.

Charlie Kooistra – Yes

Michael Haynes – Yes

Judy Henderson – Yes

Meeting adjourned at 8:01