



Harquahala Fire District

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Thursday, January 30, 2014 at 5:30 pm

The Harquahala Valley Fire District Governing Board convened in a Regular Meeting on January 30, 2014 at the Harquahala Valley Fire Station located at 51501 W Tonto Street, Tonopah, AZ 85354.

Call to Order: Chairman Michael Haynes announced Call to Order and commenced with the meeting at 5:32 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America was recited by all in attendance.

Roll Call of Board Members: Chairman Michael Haynes proceeds with roll call of board members. Judy Henderson - Present, Frank Haas - Absent, Michael Haynes - Present, Charlie Kooistra - Present, and Russell Smith - Present.

Call to Public: Chairman Michael Haynes proceeded with the Call to Public

- Tom Jenkins announced that the Harquahala Generating Plant will filing for Bankruptcy.

End of Call to Public.

Reports and Correspondence:

Chief's Report.

- December calls - EMS 19, Fire 6. Chief reported on the Greyhound bus accident that was responded to and reported nationally.
- Financials: Chief Caudle provided a snapshot summary of the financials to date for December. Overtime comparison from Nov 2012 - Jan 2013 and Nov 2013 - Jan 2014 was discussed the reasons for decrease.
- Apparatus - Still need some minor items fixed to be fixed. The tender was sent to Freightliner for some major issues and will be back next week the cost maybe approximately \$1700. Brush 372 was on a brush fire and the motor for the pump seized. Appears to be a part malfunction, broken rod. Getting quotes to replace or overhaul pump. Chief's vehicle had the decals replaced. The Chief was involved in a 4 car accident. Geico has called and will cover the cost to repair the vehicle.
- Equipment - They will be receiving 2 EMS bags for animals.
- Training/Meetings - Chief Caudle discussed the meetings attended by him and several fire fighters from the department.
- Administrative:
 - Email Issues - several Board members mentioned they are still having problems with their email. The Chief will be on a conference call to find the and hopefully resolving the issues.
 - 2014 Election Cycle - The Chief presented to the Board the process that needs to be followed for the election of board members for the Nov 2014. The details are recorded in the AFDA book. A copy of this can be downloaded.
 - Labor Contract MOU the Chief will be finalizing and forward a copy to each Board member for review. Chairman Michael Haynes thanked the Chief for being proactive in this.

- o Budget for 2014-2015 Fiscal year. The Chief will like to start 2 committees to work on the next fiscal year budget. One committee for the Budget and the other for Strategic Planning.
 - o Fee schedule. Judy asked to see the current schedule. The one that was found is 8 years old. He suggested that the fees should be adjusted based on the cost of living increases. Discussions or recommendation in the fee schedule can be discussed at the next Board meeting.
- **Approve Minutes of Regular Board meeting of December 20, 2013:** Judy makes the motion to approve of the minutes from the Regular Board meeting of December 20, 2013. Russell seconds the motion. Chairman Michael Haynes takes a vote to approve the minutes from the Regular Board meeting of December 20, 2013. Charlie - Abstain, Michael - Yes, Russell - Yes, and Judy - Yes.
 - **Fire Chief's Full-Time Employment Contract:** Approval the contract for Chief Dan Caudle to Full-Time Fire Chief of the Harquahala Valley Fire Department. Judy makes the motion to approve the contract for the Fire Chief for the period ending December 31, 2016. Russell seconds the motion. Chairman Michael Haynes takes the vote to approve the Fire Chief's Full-time Employment Contract. Charlie - Yes, Michael - Yes, Russell - Yes and Judy - Yes. A copy of the Chief's contract is available to review by the public at their request.
CONGRATULATIONS CHIEF CAUDLE!!
 - **Discussion and Possible action to the letter sent to Harquahala Generating Station regarding negotiations of new MOU.** The letter was sent certified on January 24, 2014. An email was received from Morris Metzler indicating they will respond by the 7th. As mentioned earlier by Tom Jenkins that the plant will be filing Chapter 11 Bankruptcy. Copies of the letter and response are available for the public to review.

Charlie makes the motion to adjourn the meeting. Russell seconds the motion. Chairman Michael Haynes takes a vote to adjourn the meeting. Judy - Yes, Russell - Yes, Michael - Yes, and Charlie - Yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 pm.