

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF VERDE VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS, HELD AUGUST 24, 2010, AT VERDE VILAGE CLUBHOUSE, 4855 BROKEN SADDLE DRIVE, COTTONWOOD, AZ 86326.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 10:00 AM

PRESENT:

Dick Dobbin
Ken Bishop
Matt Robertson (arrived at 10:36)
Bob Eddingfield (left at 12:35)
Gerald Shanks

STAFF:

Chief Jerry Doerksen
Assistant Chief Flummer
Debbie Lewis

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Motion** was made by Dick Dobbin to move Item 9C after 9A. Second was made by Gerald Shanks. **Motion** carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Motion** was made by Ken Bishop to waive the reading of and to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on July 22, 2010. Second was made by Bob Eddingfield. Gerald Shanks amended Item "E" to add the word "Station" after "interim". **Motion** carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES: NONE

CALL TO PUBLIC: NONE

REPORTS: Chief Doerksen reviewed Financial, Chief's, Assistant Chief's, Administration, Training, Captain's and PIO's reports. Gerald Shanks stated that the Regional Dispatch is looking into having their own taxing authority. Dick Dobbin stated that he thought the car wash was a great success and that everyone did a good job.

Current Events: None

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

A. TAX REVOLT / LEGISLATIVE REVIEW: Gerald Shanks stated that from the AFCA Conference they are in agreement that this depressed economy. Fire and EMS are going to have to step up and show data to justify funding requests. Chief Doerksen stated that the Area 7 Representative term is up and Chief would like to apply again to be the Area 7 Representative. Gerald Shanks, Dick Dobbin, Ken Bishop and Bob Eddingfield would like to see Chief Doerksen be the Area 7 Representative again. Chief Doerksen stated that they are trying to get a Fire Representative on the Ambulance Association Board.

C. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RELATIONS WITH THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD: Gerald Shanks stated that there was a keynote speaker at AFCA from the International Fire Chief's Association. Gerald Shanks said the speaker stated that it should be the quickest response rather than whose area the call is in. This decision should be the patients. Gerald Shanks stated that the Board has an obligation to protect their employees. Gerald Shanks stated that there is an informal offer that the City of Cottonwood would take the District. Matt would caution what Chief Casson has stated and it should be reviewed with the City Council. Chief Doerksen stated that we need to keep our focus on the District goals. Chief Doerksen stated that there are only 3 Cities in Yavapai County that have Fire Departments and all other cities and towns are protected by Fire Districts. Chief Doerksen stated how we protect the public and the employees for their career advancement and continued employment. Matt Robertson asked Gerald Shanks what his recommendation is. Gerald Shanks stated that he is not interested in sitting down with the City Counsel. Bob

Eddingfield stated that this goes back to 1997 where all of the entities should be one. Bob Eddingfield would support talking to them if there would be no job loss and what is best for the public. Gerald Shanks stated that his opinion was we need to proceed with the station at Verde Santa Fe. Dick Dobbin stated that when the Regional Dispatch Center Committee started looking at this, it was because of the costs to the Districts'. Dick Dobbin asked if Chief Casson would be interested in coming to a VVFD Board meeting. Bob Eddingfield stated we should proceed with the Station at Verde Santa Fe. Ken Bishop feels that when Cottonwood was offering to have a joint station, they were trying to slow us down on building the station at Verde Santa Fe. Chief Doerksen stated that if we are placing a station somewhere it should not be just to stop annexation. Chief Doerksen stated to have the station at Verde Santa Fe will decrease the response time to multiple areas and is it the right thing for the public. Matt Robertson does not have anything else to add and is ready to move on the next item.

Motion was made by Dick Dobbin, to add to agenda, item 9A "Discussion and Possible Action" relating to relationships with City of Cottonwood. Second was made by Gerald Shanks. Matt Robertson stated that he does not feel that this should be on the agenda nor should the tax revolt item be on the agenda. **Motion** carried 4-1. Dick Dobbin, Ken Bishop, Gerald Shanks and Bob Eddingfield voted aye, Matt Robertson voted nay.

B. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION FOR A PROPOSED STATION IN VERDE SANTA FE

(VSF): Chief Doerksen stated that the property owners at VSF are asking \$70,000 for this property. The other option is a property at Amante that is owned by the Property Owners Association. Matt Robertson is in favor of putting a station at VSF for better service. Matt Robertson is against having staffing down to 3. Gerald Shanks stated he changed his mind about the staff because the City is very interested in VSF. Matt Robertson stated that we need to find a way to build a building and not decrease the staffing at the other two stations. Ken Bishop stated he thinks the interim rental home is the way to go. Ken Bishop asked what do we do about parking. Chief Doerksen stated that they may have to park at the Clubhouse. Gerald Shanks stated he doesn't see that we need something there right away. Matt Robertson does not want to close doors and not look at putting someone out there right away. Bob Eddingfield stated he would be in favor in tabling this until next meeting with more information. Dick Dobbin likes the Amante location. **Motion** was made by Gerald Shanks to not rent a home at VSF and to proceed with building a new fire station. **Motion** died 2-3. Gerald Shanks and Bob Eddingfield voted aye. Dick Dobbin, Matt Robertson and Ken Bishop voted nay. **Motion** was made by Matt Robertson to accept the proposal to provide preliminary drawings for a fire station in the Verde Santa Fe area in the amount of \$18,250.00 with Seitz Architectural Design. Second was made by Dick Dobbin. Ken Bishop is still in favor of renting a property in the interim. **Motion** carried. Dick Dobbin, Matt Robertson, Ken Bishop, and Bob Eddingfield voted aye. Gerald Shanks voted nay. **Motion** was made by Ken Bishop to direct staff to bring back information for an interim station at VSF. Second was made by Matt Robertson. **Motion** carried. Bob Eddingfield had to leave the meeting.

Took break at 12:36 Resume meeting at 12:44

D. APPROVE PURCHASE OF BREATHING APPARATUS: Engineer Louis Newell gave a presentation on the Breathing Apparatus. Matt Robertson stated that Louis Newell did a really good job in the research on the Breathing Apparatus. Ken Bishop asked Louis Newell if he is confident with the safety of these for himself and his fellow employees. Louis Newell stated yes he is confident in the safety. **Motion** was made by Ken Bishop, to approve the purchase of (20) MSA SCBA's as presented for the price of \$129,898.21. Second was made by Dick Dobbin. **Motion** carried unanimously.

E. AED CONTRACT WITH VERDE VALLEY CHRISTIAN CHURCH: **Motion** was made by Matt Robertson, to approve the joint purchase and agreement with Verde Valley Christian Church to place an AED on their Zalesky property. Second was made by Ken Bishop. **Motion** carried unanimously.

F. MEET AND CONFER AGREEMENT APPROVAL: Mark Dixon gave a brief overview of the proposed agreement and answered questions. He will do a presentation at a later date. **Motion** was made by Dick Dobbin, to review this agreement and that it be brought back at a future meeting for discussion and possible action. Second was made by Matt Robertson. **Motion** carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: 1:21 AM

BOARD CLERK: _____ **DATE:** _____

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