

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF VERDE VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS, HELD JULY 22, 2010, AT STATION 31, 2700 GODARD ROAD, COTTONWOOD, AZ.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 10:05 AM

PRESENT:

Dick Dobbin
Ken Bishop
Matt Robertson (absent)
Bob Eddingfield
Gerald Shanks

STAFF:

Chief Jerry Doerksen
Debbie Lewis

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Motion** was made by Dick Dobbin to move item 9b to the first item discussed. Second was made by Ken Bishop. **Motion** carried 3-1. Bob Eddingfield, Dick Dobbin and Ken Bishop voted aye. Gerald Shanks voted nay.

9b. PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET FY 2010-2011

Motion was made by Dick Dobbin called for the Public Hearing on Budget FY 2010-2011 at 10:07. Second was made by Ken Bishop. **Motion** carried unanimously. Dick Dobbin asked for public comments and there were no Public comments. Dick Dobbin closed the Public Hearing on Budget FY 2010-20100 at 10:08. **Motion** was made by Bob Eddingfield to close the Public Hearing. Second was made by Ken Bishop. **Motion** carried 3-1. Gerald Shanks abstained on the Budget approval process.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Motion** was made by Ken Bishop to waive the reading of and to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on June 22, 2010. Second was made by Bob Eddingfield. **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 asked questions regarding the VVFD Charities Organization. Dick Dobbin stated that the VVFD personnel should know, should they be asked, that VVFD Charities is a separate organization from VVFD. Gerald Shanks stated that if VVFD receives a donation for a specific item it should be used for that purpose per Arizona Revised Statutes.

Current Events: Bob Eddingfield stated that it was gratifying for VVFD to have all of the Board Members, as well as line crew and Administration attend the AFDA Conference. Thanks to everyone who attended. Dick Dobbin stated that both he and Bob Eddingfield were in a legal class at AFDA and if you are going to abstain you must not be involved in the Discussion of the Agenda item. Another item that was discussed and Bill Wittington stated that when there is a conflict of interest it is a rule of 10 not 7. If you have a pecuniary or proprietary interest, either direct or indirect, the Board Members should be careful that you follow this rule.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

A. BOARD DISCUSSION ON BUDGET FY 2010-2011:

Chief Doerksen stated that the Budget that was posted was for \$9,713,421.00, which included Grant monies for a new station at Verde Santa Fe that had not yet been approved or denied. The Grant has since been

denied. Another budget is prepared for consideration in the event Prop 13 did not get enough signatures to make the November ballot. That budget included the following:

- Lowers the tax levy \$50,444.00 from \$3,620,397.00 to \$3,569,953.00
- Raises the mil rate from \$1.83 to \$2.0222
- Approves \$969,937.00 from the Capital Projects Program for Capital Funding
- \$4,000,000 for possible grants considers keeping \$1,000,000 instead of \$4,000,000 since VVFD was not approved for the Station grant and we will be applying for more grants.

Chief Doerksen reviewed the Budget Posting issue in detail. Gerald Shanks asked if the posting issue was at all 3 locations. Chief Doerksen stated that the posting issue was at all 3 locations. Gerald Shanks stated that as elected officials it is their obligation to have these posted and that the current process is not acceptable. Dick Dobbin asked Chief Doerksen if both legal advisors stated that we could proceed with the Budget. Chief Doerksen stated that both legal advisors stated that we could proceed with the adopting of the Budget. Dick Dobbin stated that he would like Chief Doerksen to make sure that the Budget Hearing is posted with the correct time in order to call the meeting to the order prior to having the hearing. Dick Dobbin wants the Board to be convened in a meeting before discussing any items.

C. ADOPTION OF FINAL BUDGET FOR FY 2010-2011 – RESOLUTION 2010-04: Motion was made by Bob Eddingfield to approve Resolution 2010-04 for the Budget. Bob Eddingfield amended his motion to add that the Budget is for \$6,713,421.00, sets the mil rate at \$2.0222. Second was made by Ken Bishop. **Motion** carried 3-1. Gerald Shanks abstained

D. TAX REVOLT / LEGISLATIVE REVIEW: Dick Dobbin stated that Prop 13 is off the plate for now but expects it to be back.

E. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF STATION AT VERDE SANTA FE: Chief Doerksen stated that in the Budget we have put in \$200,000 to maybe purchase an interim Station at Verde Santa Fe. Chief Doerksen stated that Cottonwood Fire is also interested in putting a Station at Verde Santa Fe. Gerald Shanks stated that City of Cottonwood does not have any reason to have an interim station except for the possibility of annexations. Gerald Shanks stated that we should build a Fire Station at Verde Santa Fe.

After further discussion between Board Members, a **Motion** was made by Ken Bishop to direct Chief Doerksen to get with the staff and to bring back information regarding station options at VSF to the Board. Second was made by Gerald Shanks. **Motion** carried unanimously.

F. APPROVAL OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH CENTRAL YAVAPAI FIRE DISTRICT FOR FIRE APPARATUS MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS: Motion was made by Gerald Shanks to approve entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Central Yavapai Fire District for apparatus maintenance and repair. Second was made by Bob Eddingfield. **Motion** carried unanimously.

G. CHANGE AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING LOCATION - Motion was made by Gerald Shanks to change the location of the Aug. Board meeting location to VV Club house and the Sept. Board meeting location to Station 32. Second was made by Bob Eddingfield. **Motion** carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: 12:02 PM

BOARD CLERK: _____ **DATE:** _____