



2422 N Firehouse Lane - Huachuca City, AZ 85616

**MINUTES OF THE WHETSTONE FIRE DISTRICT
January 28th 2020 BOARD MEETING**

Call to Order/Roll Call/Affirmation of Quorum/Pledge of Allegiance:

Members Present: Dave Johnson, Steven Hasson, Donna Graybill, Pamela Cohen, Michele Bell

Staff Present: Chief Bidon, Cathy Dyer

Absent: None

It was determined a quorum existed with four board members present.

Call to the Public: None

Old Business:

-Review amendment and possible action work session meetings for October 2019 and minutes from a special meeting held in November 2019

MOTION: To accept the minutes from October 22nd 2019, November 14th 2019, November 26th 2019, and December 23rd 2019.

RESULT: All in favor; none opposed

MOVED BY: Pamela Cohen

SECONDED: Dave Johnson

New Business:

-Review amendment and discussion and possible action of appointing the new fire board members Steven Hasson and Donna Graybill

Both members were sworn in by Cathy Dyer

-Review amendment and discussion of possible action of rescheduling the monthly meeting dates, currently dated for the 4th Tuesday of each month, to the 4th Monday of each month to accommodate conflicting board member schedules

Chief Bidon: Is there going to be a time change as well?

Michelle Bell: I have open availability





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Mike Zamora was contacted via phone call and the earlier questions were addressed and answered. All questions regarding the capacity, model, and space of the various components will depend on what the District decides on.

Chief Bidon: Mike Zamora is located locally and will be able to come down if needed, but he will also be able to access the server remotely to deal with any problems that way. And if we decide we aren't happy with his service, then we will have the admin rights and can bring someone else in.

Pamela Cohen: I think we should stick to the higher end of the price range but not go over it.

Michelle Bell: I would also like to stay away from Dell for the computers

Chief Bidon: Once I get the servers, I will go to Dave Johnson for his opinion, as he is more well versed in these matters.

MOTION: I make a motion that we approve this technology proposal that Chief Bidon, after conferring with Dave Johnson, will be able to go ahead and approve and get any equipment up to the solution total (\$18,175) that is on the proposal.

RESULT: All in favor; none opposed

MOVED BY: Donna Graybill

SECONDED: Pamela Cohen

-Review amendment and discussion of possible action of financial reports

Cathy Dyer: We closed out the month of December with an operations balance of \$105,249.68. One payment was made in December for the Type 3 at around \$51,000. The financing for the engines is in place and we don't make the first payment until November of next year. We closed out the month of December with a reserve balance of \$77,971.37. The server and technology updates will be coming out of the reserve account. We closed out the month of December with a pension relief account balance of \$42,419.51. The operations balance as of today is \$233,047.97.

MOTION: I move that we accept the financial reports

RESULT: All in favor; none opposed

MOVED BY: Dave Johnson

SECONDED: Donna Graybill

Chief's Report-

Information regarding the following topic(s) presented by the fire chief:

In 2019 we had 1,119 calls. It is down from 2018. So far we are at 72 for the month of January, which is down 28 calls from last year. M321 just came back for repairs on the battery from the city yard. A new SEACOM director was hired- Alan Smith. We finished the DO/AO class. We started the 2020 fire





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Steve Hasson: Do we have a fire marshal here?

Chief Bidon: We have multiple fire inspectors here who are trained to do that job.

Steve Hasson: How do paramedic responses work for EMS calls?

Chief Bidon: We send an ambulance on every EMS call and we have a paramedic on all of the ambulances. We very rarely respond BLS. We have 8 full-time paramedics and 2 part-time paramedics in the District and another one in paramedic school.

Steve Hasson: What is going on with the new virus that's going around?

Chief Bidon: We are getting information from the AZ Dept of Health Services. We put a notice out to remind staff to wear safety glasses and masks on EMS calls. There will be a training in Glendale in February which will give us more information and we are looking to send people to it.

Michelle bell: When will the new board members receive their training?

Cathy Dyer: There is a class in Glendale in July or they can do it online.

Future Agenda Items:

Adjournment:

MOTION: I Move to adjoin this meeting at 0715 pm

RESULT: All in favor; none opposed

MOVED BY: Donna Graybill

SECONDED: Steve Hasson

Michelle Bell, Chairperson

Hannah Sovar-Knox, Firefighter/CEP

