

YARNELL FIRE DISTRICT

FIRE BOARD MINUTES, REGULAR SESSION

March 17, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Arlon Rice called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call of Board Members:

Present were Chair Arlon Rice, Treasurer Richard Mayer, Secretary Carole Ryan, Members at Large Kevin O'Donnell, Frances Lechner. Chief Ben Palm. Attendance of the Public noted on attached document.

3. Approval of Draft Minutes:

Motion made by Frances, seconded by Richard, approved by all, to approve Regular Session minutes of 2-24-14

Motion made by Frances, seconded by Richard, approved by all, to approve Executive Session minutes of 2-24-14.

Motion made by Richard, seconded by Kevin, approved by all, to approve Special Session minutes of 3-3-14

4. Reports and Correspondence:

A. Chairman's Report: Arlon, Ben and Frances attended the AZ Congress fund raiser for the Secretary of the House, Andy Tobin.

B. Secretary's Report: none

C. Treasurer's Report : (see attached)

Richard presented : Profit and Loss Budget vs Actual and Reconciliation Summaries through February 2014

General Fund \$68,363.02

Donations and Grants \$62,127.91

Capital Reserve Fund \$58,756.25

Pension and Relief Fund \$77,089.39

Treasurer's Report approved as presented by Carole. Second by Frances. Motion carried.

D. Chief's Report: (see attached)

Ben's staff will write a thank you note to Representative Paul Gosar for his assistance with our Safer Grant.

Ben also discussed his interaction with Dr Hajot Askari, Prescott, who would like to come to Yarnell every Saturday as our Dr. He already sees Yarnell patients in Prescott.

He could also be our medical director for training.

5. OLD BUSINESS :

A. RE- Safer Grant Consultant- We need more information , such as do we just need a single person, etc. Ben may have a possibility. Arlon will find other groups with a Safer Grant to provide needed information.

Frances will explain our town-wide benefit from this grant in the Yellow Sheet.

B. Chipper- We are temporarily borrowing one now. We may be able to purchase a used one. Our grant for this project- to pay for our abatement crew- ends July 31. We need a 100' buffer cleared. So far, we have completed 1/6 th of the work we need to do. We will request two more grants for this to complete local requests.

C. Budget: We plan to continue our budget discussion April 7 , and also possibly April 21. Frances told us that Yarnell Recovery has budgeted \$104,00 for YFD, but Arlon reported that this has not yet been received.

RE our need for a siron, we will check out the old one, may get a used one. A new one would cost \$90,000.

At this time, we will transfer funds totaling \$40,000 from Donations/Grants and \$52,000 from Reserve funds to pay for this year's budget. Extra needed due to unexpected Fire expenses.

Discussion of the purchase of the old bank to be used as an YFD Annex and for a Dr's office. Possible cost of \$89,000-95,000. (The Board took a field trip down to the old bank to view this for possible purchase as an annex)

D. Carole made a motion to go into Executive Session at 12 noon. Richard seconded. Motion carried. Return to regular session at 12:23 PM.

6. New Business:

A. Fire mural discussion was put on hold at this time

B. HB 2624 discussion - Ben and Frances reported that this has passed in the House. YFD will ask for funds due to extra expenses that this would require from us.

7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC: No one made a request to speak.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned by Arlon Rice at 1:02 PM. The next regular session will be held on April 21, 2014.

Respectively Submitted,

Carole Ryan

Yarnell Fire Board Secretary