

PLFD MINUTES

MAY 19, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: 6 PM, Tom McLarty, Board Chairman, who led the Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS: Tom McLarty, Chairman; Ron Kutil, Jack Speer, Jack Graham, and Tom Beller present.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES: April 2014. Minutes were approved with correction. Motion to approve made by Jack Graham, 2nd by Tom Beller, approved unanimously by the Board.

PLFD FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONS REPORTS: John Sticka clarified the WECOM monies received as a grant for equipment expenditures. A motion to approve the reports was made by Tom Beller, 2nd by Ron Kutil; approved unanimously by the Board.

PLFD FIRE CHIEF'S OPERATION REPORT: Chief Sticka reported 6 calls to the department requiring responses to include: medical, rescue, public assistance and 1 false alarm. Department is currently working on the development of a pamphlet discussing fire awareness for the general public and community. Previous budget discussions were reviewed and a recommendation to raise the tax levy to 3.25% per \$100 was made. A request for the Board to select a capital improvement project for maintenance of PLFD properties and buildings was made. A request for recommendations for improving the PLFD volunteer department's relations with the community was made.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Paul Mackesey reported the work in the Park by the Conservation Corps has been completed. Knob Hill clearing of brush has been temporarily halted. Estimates are pending for some individual lots and anticipated within the next week. Community involvement remains high and requests for lot evaluations continue. Jack Graham discussed Mohave County Park allowing fire when fire designation was at a level 1. John Sticka stated the Park policy is to only allow fires in designated steel rimmed pits. John Sticka reported the BLM had graded the road to Wild Cow, which is the community's secondary escape route in the event of fire. Jack Graham asked about the status of the dry well at Pine Lake located on the private land of a community member. Chief Sticka stated this was in progress with the homeowner and Mohave County.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Discussion and possible action of new contract with accountant Eugene Newman. Following discussion a motion to approve the contract was made by Ron Kutil, 2nd by Jack Graham.
- b. Discussion and possible action on 2014 -2015 Budget. Motion to approve the budget made by Jack Graham, 2nd by Tom Beller, approved unanimously.
- c. Discussion and clarification of photographing accident scenes by the public. Tom McLarty, following consultation with the Mohave County attorney stated no privacy violations were incurred under HIPAA.
- d. Discussion of Open Meeting Laws. Tom McLarty discussed the requirements of open meeting laws and dispersed information on the regulations.

CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence was received.

CALL TO PUBLIC:

Paul Mackesey discussed the Budget and diminishing reserves for operating PLFD. He discussed the need to develop plans to raise funds for the department.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Ron Kutil mentioned that 3 Board positions are up for re-election. These are currently filled by Tom McLarty, Jack Speer and Ron Kutil. He presented the information to the Board secretary to contact the Mohave County Board of Elections. He also stated that a review of the Fire Chief's performance should be performed in July 2014.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Ron Kutil, 2nd by Tom Beller, carried unanimously by the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM