

# **PINE LAKE FIRE DISTRICT**

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## **11-23-2015 MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 PM**

**PLEDGE OF ALLERIANCE: 6:00 PM**

**ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS:** Tom McLarty, Tom Beller, Jack Graham, Sheri LaFlamme,  
Ron Kutil present.

### **MINUTES & FINANCIAL REPORTS PROVIDED TO THE BOARD ON 11-20-2015**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES 10-2015:** Tom Beller made a motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jack Graham; without further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

**PLFD FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Motion made by Ron Kutil, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Beller to accept reports. Ron Kutil expressed appreciation for the additional information requested being included in the reports. Discussion of the dry hydrant expenses were explained and will be expanded upon in the Chief's report. Without further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

#### **PLFD FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:**

Chief Sticka reported BLM has been in the area performing controlled burns. As we continue to have snow the additional burn piles will be completed. Chief Sticka applied for a WACEMS Grant for \$5000.00 to purchase new AEDs, as ours are outdated. Should the grant be approved an AED will be placed at the Resort. WACEMS has provided PLFD with \$500.00 for our CPR/EMR training.

Wendy Cunningham, coordinator for Mohave County World Addresses, informed Chief Sticka that new addresses will be assigned to the RV Park behind the resort. The addresses will now be 4550 South Lodge Lane. This will assist in any 911 call in the area. These changes will impact several county agencies and services in a positive manner.

Mohave County Emergency Management has provided PLFD with sand bags to fill should there be large rainfalls, Chief Sticka is awaiting the delivery of sand from the county.

Pinion Pines Fire Department has offered a 2500 gallon water tank at a very reasonable rate. This would be utilized on the east end of the community, where the old green tank stood. Negotiations are pending and the Board will kept informed.

Chief Sticka discussed the status of the dry hydrant and stated that additional earth moving in the lake must take place prior to completion. He continues to be in contact with Mr. Burgess about the back filling process and in consultation with Mohave County on their commitment to reimburse PLFD for our expenses.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. Discussion and possible approval of PLFD Travel Expense Policy. Tom Beller provided Board members with a draft of a Travel Policy at the meeting. Discussion followed and the policy will be revisited in further detail at the next Board meeting.
- b. Discussion and possible approval of the division of the expenses for the new carpeting and wainscoting for the Fire Barn. Ron Kutil made a motion to split the expenses 50/50 with the Homeowners Association. Tom Beller 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Following a brief discussion the motion carried unanimously by the Board.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Discussion and possible approval to begin negotiations with Mohave County for a new water tank. Ron Kutil made a motion to have Chief Sticka enter into negotiations with the county to determine their contribution to the tank. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jack Graham. Following a discussion by Chief Sticka about the necessity of the tank, location, size of the tank and tank material the motion was approved unanimously.
- b. Discussion of current status of Fire Districts within the state. Concerns were discussed about earlier state legislative issues to reduce smaller fire districts. The most current legislative issues were found to be directed to larger metropolitan areas and were related to taxation issues. No further action, other than monitoring legislative issues will be made at this time.
- c. Discussion of the PLFD policy on fire pits within the community. Tom Beller discussed lifting the ban on open fire pits within the community. Following discussion by the all Board members regarding a safe policy; it was determined that Tom Beller would review current fire pit policies in other communities and provide the Board with a presentation at the December Board meeting.  
Ron Kutil suggested that the Homeowners Association be informed of the fire pit discussion and requested that Chief Sticka present the information at the next Homeowners Board meeting on December 6, 2015. This item will be carried forward to the next PLFD Board meeting on December 28, 2015.
- d. Executive Session: Fire Chief Performance Evaluation. The Board entered into Executive Session at 7:05 pm. The Board ended the session at 7:10pm and resumed the general meeting. The evaluation of the Chief has been deferred until the December Board meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Chief Sticka advised the PLFD Board that the AFDA conference was January 15-16, 2016. The Board secretary will e-mail all Board members a program brochure and application.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

No comments were presented by the public.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Ron Kutil expressed a desire to publically recognize members of the PLFD community for their contributions to the fire department. Further discussion of how best to recognize the service of others will be continued in the December 28, 2015 Board meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Jack Graham, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sherri LaFlamme and carried unanimously by the Board. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

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**Clerk of the Board**

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**Date**