

**PINE LAKE FIRE DISTRICT**

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**5-16-2016**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 6:00 PM**

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

**MINUTES, FINANCIAL REPORTS PROVIDED TO THE BOARD ON MAY 15, 2016**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion to approve made by Sherri LaFlamme, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Beller and without discussion were approved unanimously by the Board.

**PLFD FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONS REPORTS:**

Motion to approve made by Ron Kutil, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jack Graham. Following discussion initiated by Chief Sticka a windsock purchase was expensed to operations.

**PLFD FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:**

Chief Sticka presented his written report to the Board. CPR/AED Training has been completed by Resort Management and employees. 6 employees and 2 from Search and Rescue received training.

Firefighters from Desert Hills Fire Department volunteered their time to cut down large trees infested with bark beetles.

The Red Cross is scheduled to come into the community and install smoke detectors for residents. These will be installed at no charge; however, residents must sign up in advance for this service. Further details will be included in the new homeowner's letter.

Chief Sticka submitted a letter to the County reminding them of their responsibility to remove debris from the burn pile. (Included in his packet) Amanda Kaufmann stated she would try to obtain a copy of the County contract to determine their agreement regarding organic debris disposal.

In November 2015, a joint grant was sought by PLFD and Pinion Pines applying for gas detectors. Chief Sticka has received notification that we were approved and have 90 days to complete the grant process.

This week one of the volunteer firefighters will be attending Level 1 Fire Fighter training at Pinion Pines Fire Department. This is a three (3) day, state approved course.

A letter addressed to the Board was also included in the Chief's Report and Packet.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

a. Update on Levi Levi Water Tank: Chief Sticka states that all arrangements are made and we are awaiting an installation date from the crane operator. This should occur within the next week.

b. Work Session on 2016-2017 Budget: Due to the large number of residents wishing to make statements under "Call to Public", Ron Kutil made a motion to move this item to after "Call to Public", 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Beller and without discussion the motion carried unanimously.

## **CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

Jerry Moran expressed concern about the number of volunteers on the mountain on a daily basis. He also discussed that his taxes dedicated to the fire department were increasing. He was advised the Board would place this item on the agenda for June and requested him to provide some suggestions at that time.

Vince Fillion expressed his support for Greg LaFlamme's request for compensation for serving as Captain on the volunteer PLFD force. He hoped the Board would take this into consideration and Greg would return to the department.

Jan Gray expressed her support for Greg LaFlamme's request to be compensated for his volunteer work as Captain, and stated that he had assisted her on several occasions. She hoped the Board would consider this in budget negotiations and that Greg would return to the department.

Mike Britt expressed his support for Greg LaFlamme's request to be compensated for his volunteer work as Captain. He stated that he brought valuable knowledge to the volunteer force. He asked that the Board take this into consideration in determining any compensation for Greg LaFlamme.

Amanda Kaufman stated that Greg LaFlamme had been doing more than others and perhaps we should look at compensation for him. She also stated that as a volunteer member of 'Mohave County Search and Rescue' all volunteers are expected to pay for all their equipment and are only compensated by a fuel stipend for calls attended.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Communication between the Board Members and the Fire Chief. Ron Kutil requested that communications from the Chief include the names of each Board member referenced in any communication where the chief may state he spoke with Board members. This item was agreed upon and Chief Sticka will name each Board member he cited in his communications.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Letter from Greg LaFlamme stating he is stepping away from the PLFD Volunteer Force for a few years. This follows a month's leave to think of his future with the department.

Letter from Tom Beller stating he will not be seeking re-election due to increasing business demands.

**OLD BUSSINESS:**

b. Work Session on 2016-2017 budget. Ron Kutil made a motion to enter into Executive Session, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Beller and carried unanimously by the Board.

Executive Session entered at 6:57 PM

Executive Session ended at 7:30 PM

Following resumption of the general meeting, Chief Sticka stated he would post the budget this upcoming week for the required 30 days, prior to final approval and pending further comments from community members. The final budget approval will take place during the June 2016 meeting.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Ron Kutil thanked Jack Graham and Tom Beller for their service on the Board.

Tom Beller stated he enjoyed serving on the Board.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn made by Tom Beller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sherri LaFlamme and carried unanimously by the Board. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

**CLERK OF THE BOARD** \_\_\_\_\_