

Bouse Volunteer Fire District Minutes

July 10, 2018

Meeting was called to order at noon, 12:00pm, by John Nault. Jim Pontious, David Boyer and John Nault in attendance. Fire Chief, John Novak also in attendance.

No approval for minutes.

Approval for June financial report for 2018: board members reviewed and approved. John Nault making the motion and Dave Boyer seconding the motion.

Correspondence: received verification for two published budget proposals by the paper one for May 2, 2018 and one for May 9, 2018 per Arizona regulations. It was put on the agenda for approval by board and adoption of budget for 2018 next meeting. Copper point renewal was received for workman's comp. Letter on file.

Chief's report: pump system fixed, foam system complete and ready for testing, regular maintenance on vehicles in final stages, rebuilding water tender. (see detailed listed)

We had a visit from Fireman Joe who started at the LA Museum walking to the Granite Firefighters Museum-he is doing this in remembrance of the lost firefighters and raising money for the Explorer program.

A wooden desk and a two-drawer filing cabinet was donated by Sharon and Jack Anderson.

Received an APS bill in the amount of \$751.19 for this month. They had changed the billing date so payments have been late therefore we are required to pay \$580 deposit. Regular monthly electrical bill was \$171.19 for the month.

New hire is a paramedic with the PMR but requires 240-hour firefighter certificate to be certified for duty as firefighter.

Call to public: question regarding lights being on in firehouse all night. Discussion regarding possible installation of proximity switch to correct. It was mentioned that firefighter did not like walking into a totally dark room by themselves so they have left lights on while gone.

Question regarding cost of schooling for new hire firefighters. Proposal was trainee pay for schooling and upon presentation of certain certificate, they would receive repay after so many hours working until paid.

Question regarding bill from architect in the amount of \$3500 which was paid by the auxiliary, Linda Pryce, treasure. Discussion regarding this architect drawing was supposed to be for the large building for living quarters not done and the understanding was the architect was donating his time. John Novak requests further investigation into previous minutes regarding this issue.

Question regarding the days of no coverage for our fire district. John Novak, Fire Chief, explained that because we are a volunteer stipend fire department, volunteers

can only work 20% of the regular time to adhere to the regulations in order to maintain volunteer status. He cannot assign or designate hours under these state regulations.

Question regarding the fire hydrant located at Family Dollar. John Novak, Fire Chief, responded that the store was not in compliance with fire hydrant pressure and that the store management company did not want to go to the expense of fixing the problem.

Question regarding concrete and big pole being stored at firehouse. These are associated with Gov.net for the new antenna for the Internet covering the fire district, school, and library. We get free Internet because they are using our yard for the antenna.

Old business: discussion and approval of the updated quote for the RBL let due to the change was tabled for later discussion at another time.

New business: acceptance and authorization of attached monthly expense report for April 2018 documentation and warrants for these expenses are included as an attachment totaling \$6663.84. David Boyer made a motion to accept, Jim Pontious second, motion carried approved. Moving paying the APS bill to the beginning of the month due to the new due date before board meeting as previously discussed. Total payroll for volunteer stipends and Fire Chief salary \$4346.09. Jim Pontious made a motion to accept, John Nault seconded, motion carried accepted. Discussion and election of board chairman and clerk per regulations. Jim Pontious, nominated David Boyer as chairperson, John Nault seconded. Motion carried David Boyer new chairman of fire board. Jim Pontious, volunteered to be clerk for fire board. Set date and time for a workshop to create the job description for an administrative assistant and for the Fire Chief. July 11, 2018 at 5 PM was set. Discussion on chief Novak's performance: it was brought to the Chiefs attention that there were some issues discussed between John Nault and one of the firemen regarding replacement of Fire Chief John Novak. John Novak issued his resignation as Fire Chief for the approval of the board. Dave Boyer and Jim Pontious would not accept Chiefs resignation. John Nault expressed displeasure with current situation, filled out paperwork in front of public and resigned as fire board member then left the building. Discussion of the chain of command and how it applies to the fire board members. Jim Pontious explained that the past fire board has not been in compliance with Arizona statutes and regulations. He explained to the public what the new board wanted to accomplish and set things right according to Arizona regulations. Discussion for posting locations for the agendas and meetings. Currently public notification of all meetings is published on the firehouse board, post office, Road Runner and have requested our key for the board at Bouse booster hall.

Reports: inventory committee, nothing to report; vehicle maintenance committee, previously discussed in chief's report; policy committee, request public input in what they expect from the fire board and Fire Chief. This request will be posted on the Bouse bugle; building committee, there's been a change in the floorplan which was approved by the County. Committee meeting scheduled for July 11, 2018 at 4:00 PM before special meeting of fire board.

Call to public: questions regarding the future of the Bouse volunteer fire district

website. John Novak explained that he has someone working on getting it up and running.

Board member comments: John Newman to be added as new board member to fill the vacancy of John Nault. This will be put on agenda for next meeting on July 11, 2018 at 5:00 PM. All board members are up for election in November and so far, only three candidates have applied.

Set date and time of next meeting: next meeting set for Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at 12:00pm, noon.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:40 PM