

Minutes for Special Meeting 14, 2009
Thursday @ 5:30 PM

Meeting held at Harquahala Fire Station-371
51501 W. Tonto St.
(The corner of Harquahala Valley Rd. and Tonto St.)

Call to order and meeting presides at 5:32pm

Charlie K: Pledge of Allegiance to the flag performed by everyone present.

Roll Call-

Bill Lawrence – Present by telephone
Charlie Kooistra, Chairman of the Board Present
Frank Haas, Board Clerk Present

Harry Thomas – Has given the Chairman of the Board his letter of resignation do to illness.

Business-

Charlie K. – Changing the order of the Agenda and go into No. 6C on the Agenda: Vote and Adjourn to Executive Session re: Interview for New Board Member. Interviewees are Eddie Combs, Debbie Larson, and Dwight Music. Charlie K. motions to adjourn to executive session and asked Bill L. to stay on the line to go into the Chiefs Office to have the executive session. Bill L. Yea, Frank H. Yea, Charlie K. Yea, 3-0 to go into executive session.

Frank H. motions to return open session. Bill L. seconds, Frank H. Yes, Bill L. Yes, Charlie K. Yes, Motion passes to return to open session 3-0.

Charlie announces that the interviews were complete and wants to thank everyone. Charlie continues to say that the candidates were three excellent candidates and it was a very tough choice. Charlie would like to keep all three candidates on file until the next election so if anyone decides to resign the board will utilize the candidates on file. We can only accept one eligible candidate at this time until we accept Harry T. resignation. Frank H. will nominate Eddie Combs to replace the previous Board Member that has resigned. Bill L. Yes, Frank H. Yes, Charlie K. Yes, all in favor 3-0 for Eddie Combs to be the present Board Member. Eddie Combs reads the oath and it is been notarized by Renee Haynes. Eddie is sworn in on May 14, 2009 at 6:34 pm. Charlie K. has accepted Harry T. letter of resignation of his position on the Fire Board. Bill L. is now dismissing himself from the meeting.

Discussion and possible action re: Approval of Minutes: April 27 and May 11, of 2009. Charlie K. makes a motion to approve the minutes. Frank seconds. Eddie Combs Yes, Charlie K. Yes, Frank H. Yes. Minutes approved for April 27, and May 11, of 2009 3-0.

Discussion and possible action re: Acceptance of VFIS Settlement Offer: This was a discussion on the last meeting and every one of the board members present is aware of this action. Frank H. motions to approve the Settlement Offer. Eddie Combs seconds the motion. Eddie C. Yes, Charlie K. Yes, Frank H. Yes, motion approved to accept 3-0.

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Discussion and possible action re: Approval proposed budget for posting purposes only. Chief Sandell comments that he is very proud of the budget. Charlie K. comments that he is very proud as well. Chief Sandell goes over the Exhibit A attached regarding the budget along with the fact sheet. Charlie K. motions to accept the proposed budget for posting, Eddied C. seconds. Frank H. Yes, Charlie K. Yes, Eddie C. Yes. Proposed budget approved 3-0.

Discussion update re: South Station presentation by Firefighter Sheppard – Attached Exhibit B, Harquahala Fire Station 372 Location 541st Ave. and Eagle Tail Ld. Lot 19.

Discussion and possible action re: Land Swap which include 3 Ac. In Harquahala Ranches that belong to the Fire District and Lot 19 parcel no. 401-57-396 which is 1.56 ac. Frank indicates that it is really 3 acres for 1.56 ac which has all the utilities available which the 3 acres that belong to the FD do not have utilities and the cost would be worth the 1 extra acre. Charlie K. read the letter of Intent from the owners of the 1.56 acre parcel no. 401-57-396. Frank H. motions to do the Land Swap, Eddie C. seconds the motion. Eddie C. Yes, Charlie K. Yes, Frank H. Yes, motion approved to do the land swap 3-0.

Call to the Public:

CK will put a time limit of 5 minutes to the call to the public.

Homer B. – Compliments to the Chief and everyone on the S. Station and the Budget.

Joy (Generating Plant) – Thank you Board Members, Chief and Fire Fighters for doing such a good job. Mr. Jenkins was very pleased. An applaud was made.

Carol M. - Is there any restitution set on Randy? Chief Sandell responds by saying yes but not sure of the amount as of yet. Is a single wide permitted? Charlie K. responds by saying yes a fire department is exempt and Fire Fighter Sheppard has the Exemption. A question to Chief Sandell asking if he had previously accepted the VFIS settlement. Chief Sandell responds by saying no. Did Bill Wittington read the settlement? Chief Sandell responded by saying that it was sent to him and no response was made from him. Carol seems to think that the part on the restitution reads like the district may have to pay VFIS that if received by Randy. Chief Sandell said Thank you and he will look in to it.

Homer B. – Would suggest getting Harry T. a card. Charlie K. agrees.

Elisa B. - Is there going to be another Board Meeting to nominate a Board Member in his place. Charlie K. said yes.

Homer B. – Suggests reopening the meeting to appoint a new Board Member.

Comments were made that the meeting was never closed. Discussion was made about the next meeting but nothing definite.

Charlie K. – There will be an Item on the next agenda to post for nomination on the next board member.

Judy – suggests getting another recorder.

Chief Sandell – There is still going to be some minor adjustments made on the budget. Taxes to collect by the end of this year are 1,588,798.00 and 127,000.00 for the AFDAT and with Joy's help they came up with a tax levy of 1.50.

At this time Frank H. would like to make a motion to adjourn. BL seconds the motion. A vote is made to adjourn Eddie C. Yes, Charlie K. Yes, Frank H. Yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm

Charlie K: Thank everyone for coming and their patience.