



Golden Valley Fire District

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOLDEN VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD

The Governing Board of the Golden Valley Fire District met in regular session on **November 16, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.** The meeting will be held at the Golden Valley Fire District Public Safety Training Center, located at 423 South Colorado Road, Golden Valley, AZ 86413. The Board may vote to go into executive session on any agenda item, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A) (3) for legal advice with the District's attorney on matters as set forth in the agenda item. Board members or other participants may attend by telephonic conference. The following topics and any variables thereto, will be subject to Board consideration, discussion, approval, or other action. All items are set for possible action.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER.

- Chairman Gorham called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS.

- Director Bill McCarter; Chairman Paul Gorham; Clerk Jack Hommel and Director Randy Osborn were present. Director Gary Juneau was absent.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting of September 28, 2017

B. Regular Meeting of October 26, 2017

- Clerk Hommel moved to accept the September 28, 2017 and October 26, 2017 regular meeting minutes as presented. Director Osborn 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.

5. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE.

A. October 2017 Operational Report. (Yeager)

- Chief Yeager stated for the month of October there were 147 calls; 4 fire calls, 98 EMS, 0 Hazardous, 15 Service call, 17 Good Intent, 12 False Alarms and 1 report not completed.

B. Fire Chief's Report. *The governing body may not propose, discuss, deliberate or take legal action on this matter unless the specific matter is described in detail. Therefore, action taken as a result of the Chief's report will be limited to directing staff to study the matter or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date. (A.R.S. 38-431.02.K.)*

- **Fire District properties**

- All properties all good

- **Equipment**

- Engine 121 Out of service due to Turbo

- **Training:**

- Extrication training

- **Meetings attended**

- Mohave County Fire Officer Association
- Regional Dispatch/911 Center
- Emergency Management Communication Meeting
- KRMC Pre-Hospital Care Meeting
- AMR Continued Service Improvement Meeting
- Black Mountain Elementary Fire Prevention Week Completed
- Praxair drill
- Mohave County Abatement Committee- Captain Martin, Fire Marshall duties

- **Projects in the works**
 - Firefighter Testing completed
 - Rehab Unit
 - Communications Tower PSTC
 - Tech Rescue Vehicle in shop
- **Incidents and Items of note**
 - District participated in Turkey Wars for My Kids, raised \$2700.00
 - Anniversaries:
 - Firefighter Sean Arnold 2 years

6. BUSINESS. *Public wishing to speak on agenda items must complete a speaker card and present to the Board prior to the start of the meeting.*

- A. Discussion and possible action regarding: October 2017 Financial Report. (Administration)
 - Comptroller Kindelberger noted for the month of October the ending register balance for the warrant account at Wells Fargo Bank was \$823,028.96. Payroll account at National Bank of Arizona ending register balance \$79,990.93. October Income \$717,967.46; October Expenses \$214,397.29.
 - Director McCarter motioned to accept the financial report as presented, Clerk Hommel 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.
- B. Discussion and possible action regarding: Review monthly Attorney fees. (Gorham)
 - Chairman Gorham stated that this month's bill is \$1322.31; District business \$152.31, Open Meeting Law complaints \$1,114.00 from Barnett/Brooks and \$56.00 for Brooks.
 - No Action
- C. Discussion and possible action regarding: Review monthly records request (Gorham)
 - Chairman Gorham noted one request from Thomas Morehouse from Safety Research for a ATV fire report for commercial purposes.
 - No Action
- D. Discussion only regarding: Citizen complaint for 911 response times and staffing for incident on November 7, 2017. (Gorham)
 - Chairman Gorham stated that he was contacted by a citizen asking why it took 20 minutes to arrive at an abandoned structure fire. Chief Yeager informed the Board that the call was responded by Station 11 as Station 12 was dispatched to a medical call one-minute prior. Sometimes due to certain circumstances such as gravel roads or information to dispatch such as being given no specific streets just the general area that this could delay the response time. We did respond appropriately and well within our time standards, it did take nineteen minutes as it was out of Station 11's district. Our district is big, and it does sometimes take time to respond. The way to improve the response time is to build another station or hire more crews, but that takes money to build and to hire crews.
 - No Action
- E. Discussion and possible action regarding: Open new public funds account for payroll with Wells Fargo Bank; approval of resolution regarding same. (Administration)
 - Comptroller Kindelberger informed the Board that upon further discussion with Wells Fargo Bank the fees will be higher than National Bank of Arizona. Staff's suggestion is to stay with National Bank of Arizona.
 - Director Osborn made a motion to stay with National Bank of Arizona. Clerk Hommel 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.
- F. Discussion and possible action regarding: Records Request for Thomas Morehouse of Safety Research to set fee for commercial use.

- Ms. Fleischmann stated per policy the Board is to set the fee for commercial record requests, the policy states \$15.00 hour plus \$.50 per page and any value the report may have. Chairman Gorham stated that there is no way to determine the value of a report and recommends the \$15.00 hour for research and \$.50 per page.

- Clerk Hommel moved to approve the fees of \$15.00 hour plus \$.50 per page. Director McCarter 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.

G. Discussion and possible action regarding: Authorize purchase of \$5,858.49 with Freightliner of Arizona for turbocharger kit for Engine 121. (Yeager)

- Chief Yeager stated that this exceeds his expenditure limit, this is a unit specific item which must come direct from Cummins Diesel. Chief Yeager mentioned that we should get back the core charge of \$1,207.00.

- Clerk Hommel moved to approve the purchase. Director McCarter 2nd. All in favor, motion carried

7. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC.** *Consideration and discussion of comments and complaints from the public. Those wishing to address the Golden Valley Fire District Board need not request permission in advance. The Fire District Board is not permitted to discuss or take action on any item raised in the call to the public, unless the item is specifically noticed for discussion or legal action. However, individual Board members may be permitted to respond to criticism directed to them. Otherwise, the Board may direct that staff review the matter or that the matter be placed on a future agenda. The Fire District Board cannot discuss or take legal action on any issue raised during the Call to the Public that is not on the Agenda due to restrictions of the Open Meeting Law.*

- Butch Meriwether asked if there is anything that can be done regarding the malicious complaints regarding Open Meeting Law Violations. If they are found not to be true can you go after the person for the cost incurred by the Fire District? These two people seem to have a history of making false complaints just to cause turmoil. The Chairman directed Chief Yeager to look into the matter. Mr. Meriwether offered to get with Chief Yeager and write a story to explain how the fire district responds to calls.

8. **ADJOURNMENT.**

- Director Gorham adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:00p.m.

MINUTES prepared by: JoAnn Fleischmann/Mindy Kindelberger
(This is a working draft, until Board approval)

Date: 11/20/2017