

Sun Lakes Fire District Regular Meeting Minutes

August 24, 2010

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the Sun Lakes Fire District Board of Directors was called to order by Board Chair Sellers at 2:00 P.M. Board Chair Sellers, Board Members Kohler, Price and Utter were present. Board Member Crawford was absent. Others in attendance included Deputy Chief Guerra, Finance Manager Elikan, Captains Kenyon, Bennett and Puchta, Firefighters Molite and Vezzosi, EMS Coordinator Barden and Members of the Public Robert Price, Bernadette Halpin and Bob Hallden. Fire Chief Wilson was on vacation. The meeting was led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Board Member Price.

Approval of the Minutes of the July 27, 2010 Monthly Board Meeting

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes of the July 27, 2010 Regular Monthly Board Meeting, therefore, Board Chair Sellers declared the Minutes approved as circulated.

Unscheduled Public Appearances Call to the Public

There were none.

A. Recognition—Service Anniversaries:

Deputy Chief Guerra recognized the following Firefighters Service Anniversaries:

- Acting Battalion Chief Time Kelly—15 years,
- Engineer Brian Moreni—10 years,
- Engineer/Paramedic Nate Van Briesen—10 years and
- Firefighter David DeGraaf—5 years.

B. Correspondence and/or Other Important Information Attached.

No comments.

C. Presentation—New Fire Engine Demonstration

At this point the meeting adjourned to inspect the new engine.

After reconvening, Board Member Utter asked how much longer it would take to get the engine fully equipped and in service. Dep. Chief Guerra answered that he expected a month from this meeting due to a whole series of unforeseen setbacks such as the radio installation taking a week instead of the anticipated 2 days.

D. Fire Chief's Report for July 16th, 2010 through August 15th, 2010.

The full text of the Fire Chief's Report is attached to the Board Agenda Package.

Chief Guerra presented the Chief's Report.

1. News and Events.

Chief Guerra reported that he and Chief Wilson had attended the AZ Fire Chief's Convention. The other noteworthy news event was the delivery of the new fire truck.

2. District Accomplishments & Highlights.

Chief Guerra reported that Engineer McEnaney and Fire Mechanic Dan Figueroa had traveled to S. Dakota for a final inspection on the new engine. He noted that the truck is now in Phoenix awaiting a final delivery inspection.

Chief Guerra also reported that crews had done fire extinguisher training for the Cottonwood/Palo Verde staff and also at the Gold Canyon Candle factory. A fall prevention class was also put on at the Renaissance.

4. Operations Report – A, B & C Shifts & Emergency Medical Services

Chief Guerra stated that Sun Lakes was now doing all its own EMS training led by EMS Coordinator Chris Barden.

5. Significant Emergency Incidents

Board Member Kohler asked about the gunshot wound call. Captain Kenyon answered that the wound was self inflicted.

6. Chief Wilson represented the Fire District and met with the Individuals and Organizations noted:

This information is presented in the Chief's Report included with the Agenda package.

Financial Report.

The Financial Report was reviewed by Finance Manager Andrea Elikan.

Board Member Kohler asked what the tax assessment for 10/11 varied from 09/10. Finance Manager Elikan answered the 10/11 valuation was down about 11.5% from 09/10.

Local 3560 Report.

Union President Kenyon reported that the Union had used SLERF funds to help a family purchase and AED specifically for a child.

D. Regular Agenda

No Agenda Items Scheduled.

E. Board Member Comments

Board Chair Sellers commented that Chief Wilson is going to provide an update to the Board on the Sun Lakes Insurance Services Office (ISO) Rating which will be redone in the year 2012. The update will include a discussion of where SLFD was short in the last rating cycle and what improvements have been made. Preparations will need to be started early next year for the 2012 rating cycle. Mr. Sellers noted that Sun Lakes currently has an ISO Rating of 3 and we will be looking to improve that rating to a 2 in 2012 which will benefit the local businesses.

Board Member Price asked what the criteria were for improving the rating to a 2. Board Chair Sellers answered that additional equipment and personnel on the engines was needed and most of those requirements have been put into effect since the last rating cycle. He noted that records of training and other events needed to be augmented and that has also been done.

G. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Board Chair Sellers declared the meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Forrest Kohler,
Board Clerk
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