

Minutes Tanque Verde Valley Fire District

The Tanque Verde Valley Fire District Governing Board met on Wednesday, November 19th, at 7:00 p.m., at the Tanque Verde Unified School District Board Room, 2300 N. Tanque Verde Loop Road, Tucson, AZ 85749.

1. Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Robert Jones, Board Treasurer
Roger Robinson, Board Chairman
Bruce Small, Clerk of the Board
Chief Glenn Pittenger, Representative for Rural/Metro

All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance

New Business items were discussed first.

4 New Business

A. Election of Board Officers and Oath of Office for board member Bruce Small

Bruce Small ran unopposed, he therefore won the election. He reviewed his duties of the office. He was sworn in as duly elected in the November election. His position begins on January 1st. His office is for 4 years.

B. Acknowledgement of survey update for VFIS insurance coverage.

Roger offered additional items that were not needed. Same policy as last year.

C. Verification of changes to bi-monthly meetings and info to be added to update websites.

The TVVFD Board will be meeting bi-monthly, next meeting is set for January, 2015.

2. Approval of August 20, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Roger Robinson moves that the minutes be accepted, Bob Jones makes the motion and it is seconded by Bruce Small to approve the August minutes, It was carried by a unanimous 3 to 0 votes to approve the August meeting minutes as presented.

3. Old Business

A. Update on lack of progress in bringing website information up to date

Bob Jones and Roger Robinson have had no success in contacting Go Web Solutions or getting any progress to occur. It appears that it is a one man office. Roger and Bob will research another company and can find a better provider.

B. Update on John Evans & Collins Excavating's progress on the Fire Hydrant Project

John Evans has received final payment. Collins Excavating will begin excavating.

C. Discussion on TVVFD article submitted to the "The Tanque Verde Voice"

Discussion took place on article submitted by Bob Jones with everyone agreeing that it was a good article.

Update on approval of relocation of hydrants in Desert Willow Ranch Subdivision

Request for approval for hydrants to be moved a few feet in anticipation of the Desert Willow subdivision. Glenn Pittinger commented that the Fire Marshall should approve plans and he has not seen them as yet. He will now be contacted and get involved in approval.

Bruce Small said he was still working on creating a map for the web site.

Bob Jones began a discussion on what changes Amity might make if they change from residential to include commercial. What outcome would this have on TVVFD regulations. Glenn Pittinger said he would check on Amity's status. Are they a non-profit residential community?

5. Fire Chief's Report

August, 2014 – 8 calls (4 emergency, 4 non-emergency)

September, 2014 – 9 calls (2 emergency, 7 non-emergency)

October, 2014 - 9 calls (4 emergency, 5 non-emergency)

6. Treasurer's Report

A. Update and discussion on yearly audit.

Audit should be done by approximately the end of year.

The TVVFD budget needs an increase of only \$20,000. Bob Jones used state form for budget. A mistake was made in previous, which was acknowledged and is now fixed. This may lead to a reduction for next fiscal year,

Roger Robinson made a motion that an accountant be hired to oversee the adjustment to budget. Roger makes motion to look at surplus funds to possibly lower the tax rate at the time the 2015-2016 budget is considered.

B. Discussion of possible Tax reduction for next fiscal year.

Bob Jones made a motion to consider discussion take place to look at surplus fund to possibly lower tax rate for 2015-2016. Roger seconded the motion, voting took place and passed 3 to 0.

At the beginning of September there was \$138,082.40

Ending balance \$109,009.98

7. Correspondence

A. Info on a possible Pima County Grant for Atmospheric Testing Device aka Gas Meter.

1. Submitted to Rural Metro for future follow-up.

The grant was applied to the Regional Haz Mat Team. The gas meter is given to each fire district and so they already have theirs, it is not appropriate to pursue another.

Survey received from the State Fire district. Roger did not respond as no meeting took place to discuss survey items.

9. Call to the Public

No public present.

10. Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Board, the November 19, 2014 monthly meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm, by a 3 to 0 vote.

Roger Robinson, Board Chairman
Tanque Verde Valley Fire District

Bruce Small, Board Clerk
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