

*Peeples Valley Fire District
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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES
Regular Meeting Minutes from Wednesday, August 19, 2020**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by **Judy Garner** at 4:06 PM
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The pledge was led by **Dave Schroedl**.
3. **ROLL CALL OF BOARD:** **Judy Garner, Wayne Keller, Phil Lobeck, and Dave Schroedl** were present. **Nancy Tschikof** participated via phone.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. Minutes of the Regular Session of 07-15-2020.
A motion was made by **Phil Lobeck** to approve the minutes from the 07-15-2020 Board Meeting.
Seconded: **Dave Schroedl**
Ayes: **Judy Garner, Wayne Keller, Phil Lobeck, Dave Schroedl**
Nays: 0
Abstain: **Nancy Tschikof**
5. **CALL TO PUBLIC:** Members of the community in attendance: **Lori Bomar, Shawn Bomar, Lindon Gareis, Lew Theokas and Marcie Theokas**.
 - a. **Lori Bomar** reported the following:
 - Model Creek School (MCS) has been working with PVFD on fire suppression efforts.
 - The 'octopus' previously installed was removed because it wasn't a practical design for the school.
 - A hydrant was installed outside the fencing at the school so there is no longer a need to unlock two gates to get to a water source.
 - The next two goals are upgrading/installing a new fire panel and installing a lightning rod.
 - b. **Marcie Theokas** reported the following:
 - COVID Safe Chili and Bingo Night is scheduled for 10-24-2020.
 - The Yarnell Community Presbyterian Church will be the site for the drive through Chili and Bingo Night.
 - Highway Clean Up will be scheduled in November.
6. **REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**
 - A. Fire Chief's Report:
 1. Number and Type of Calls:

Month	Number of EMS Calls	Number of Fire Calls	Number of MVA* Calls	Mutual Aid EMS/Fire
July	9	1	1	2 (EMS)
August**	7	0	1	1 (Fire)

*MVA - Motor Vehicle Accident

**Numbers for the current month are up to the date of the Board Meeting.

2. Grants:
 - A. PVFD will receive some of the funds from the AZ State Forestry Fuels Reduction Grant and will start using the funds in the fall.
 - B. **Chief Bomar** will meet with Land Management about receiving Federal Funds for Fuel Reduction late October or early November.
 - C. An article will be in the September Yellow Sheet that PVFD is available to offer fuels reduction for residents. Manpower and equipment costs are applicable.
 - D. The Safer Grant will provide for stipends for up to four personnel per call. PVFD is waiting to learn if we get the award.
 - E. Firehouse Subs is offering a grant of \$22,000 for structure fire personal protective equipment.
 - F. There are additional grants being explored from APS, AZ Cardinals, and ADFM (Federal Grant) for Fuels Reduction and Structure Fire PPD, also for wages and minimal equipment needs not being fulfilled by other grants.

3. Personnel/Training:
 - A. Currently have 22 volunteer personnel, 5 seasonal reserves, and 10 EMTs.
 - B. All volunteers complete 10 hours of on-site training and 4-hours of on-line training. All volunteers have been trained on operation of the engine, the tenders, the brush truck, and the EMS response vehicle.
 - C. All volunteers on IRWIN have been trained on their responsibilities when going out on fires outside of the Peebles Valley area.
 - D. Upcoming trainings will cover mobile resources for water and fire sprinkler/fire system at Model Creek School
 - E. **Chief Bomar** noted that Firestrong is a 24/7 Firefighter and Family Crisis and Support Line - 844-525-FIRE (3473). Firestrong offers this support at no cost. Please see their website at firststrong.org.

4. EMTs: There are 10 volunteer EMTs.

5. IRWIN Status: Currently, FF/EMT Colin McCawley and FF Ronnie Hernandez are working a wildland fire in California.

6. Apparatus/Equipment: All equipment is operational and EMS personnel have sufficient Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). When the funds from the AZ State Forestry Fuels Reduction Grant drop PVFD will be purchasing a chipper and a ¾ ton pickup.

7. Water Resources along Hwy 89: The water resources have been planned; all of the parts are in for the dry hydrant.

8. ISO Status: A virtual audit was conducted on July 13-15 and the results shared with **Chief Bomar** were good. A hydrant flow test will be completed Tuesday August 25th which will complete the data gathering portion of the audit. A few more pictures and narrative will be provided the auditor and the final results will be given to the Board and Chief Bomar.

B. Financial Report: Service revenues have been deposited. All pending taxes have been submitted and as of 06-30-2020 we have a cash balance of over \$82K.

C. Correspondence received by the Board: None

7. BUSINESS

A. Discussion/possible action to approve the July 2020 Treasurer's report

- A motion was made by **Wayne Keller** to approve the July 2020 Treasurer's Report.
- Seconded: **Phil Lobeck**
- Ayes: **Judy Garner, Phil Lobeck, Dave Schroedl, Wayne Keller, Nancy Tschikof**
- Nays: 0

B. Discussion/possible action to approve Warrant Requests including stipend checks and regularly budgeted items.

- **Nancy Tschikof** made a motion to approve the Warrant Requests including stipend checks and regularly budgeted items.
- Seconded: **Wayne Keller**
- Ayes: **Judy Garner, Wayne Keller, Phil Lobeck, Dave Schroedl, Nancy Tschikof**
- Nays: 0.

C. Discussion/possible action to establish signers for county and Chase Checking Accounts.

- **Dave Schroedl** - Whereas the Chase account and county account need an updated list of authorized signers. Be it resolved that **Judy Garner, Phil Lobeck, Dave Schroedl** shall be the authorized signers on the accounts.
- Resolution was Seconded: **Phil Lobeck**
- Ayes: **Judy Garner, Wayne Keller, Phil Lobeck, Dave Schroedl, Nancy Tschikof**
- Nays: 0. (Reference 20200819 7.C.)

D. Discussion/possible action to purchase a new truck.

- **Phil Lobeck** - Whereas a new tactical tender truck will give the PVFD better access to remote areas. Be it resolved that up to \$22,000 be allocated to purchase a truck chassis that will become a new tactical tender truck.
- Resolution was seconded: **Wayne Keller**
- **Judy Garner** - An amendment was made to note that the funds for the Tactical Tender Truck will come exclusively from service revenues.
- Amendment seconded: **Nancy Tschikof**
- Ayes: **Judy Garner, Wayne Keller, Phil Lobeck, Dave Schroedl, Nancy Tschikof**
- Nays: 0.
- Resolution vote:
- Ayes: **Judy Garner, Wayne Keller, Phil Lobeck, Dave Schroedl, Nancy Tschikof**

- Nays: 0. (Reference 20200819 7.D.)

- E. Discussion/possible action regarding offer on parcels 202=21-093 through 202-21-100 by Simpson Homes, LLC, see below for details.
- Simpson Homes, LLC, did not accept the offer. They could not justify the costs of acquiring the lots
- F. Discussion regarding property held for sale/status of further marketing efforts.
- **Lindon Gareis** advised that selling all the lots in one bundle is ideal and that the price not be lowered. Real estate in Peebles Valley is gaining momentum so we should keep the sales price as it for at least another couple of months.
 - **Lindon Gareis** also noted that he has two tentative purchasers.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS; UPCOMING MEETING DATE

- A. New Business Agenda Item Requests for next Regular, Workshop and Other Meetings
- None noted.
- B. The next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 09-16-2020 at 4:00 PM.

9. ADJOURNMENT: Judy Garner adjourned the meeting at 5:34 PM.

Submitted by: *Frazier Mayer*, Scribe