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Governing Board Meeting Minutes July 18, 2018

PURSUANT TO A.R.S. §38.431.02, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT THE SUPERSTITION FIRE & MEDICAL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD A MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 2018. THE MEETING WAS HELD AT THE SUPERSTITION FIRE & MEDICAL DISTRICT'S ADMINISTRATION OFFICE, 565 N. IDAHO ROAD, APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA.

THIS MEETING WAS OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND BEGAN AT 5:30 PM.

A. Call to Order

Chairman House called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Moeller.

C. Roll Call

Chairman Todd House, Clerk Gene Gehrt, Director Jeff Cross, Director Jason Moeller and Director Larry Strand.

Senior Leadership Team in attendance were Fire Chief Mike Farber, Acting Assistant Chief Richard Ochs, Acting Assistant Chief Richard Mooney, Finance Director Roger Wood, and Acting Administrative Director Anna Butel.

Legal Counsel William Whittington and Board Secretary Sherry Mueller were also present for the meeting.

1. Review and approval of the June 2018 financial reports and bank reconciliations. (BOD #2018-07-01)

Motion by Director Cross to approve the June 2018 financial reports and bank reconciliations.

Seconded by Director Strand.

Vote 5 ayes, 0 nays. MOTION PASSED.

2. Recognition of employee performance, achievements, and special recognition for community members. (BOD #2018-07-02)

Employee Service Anniversaries were recognized:

- Mark Blackstone, Engineer / Paramedic / TRT 34 Years of Service
- Amy Brooks, Captain / Paramedic 25 Years of Service
- Brett Broman, Battalion Chief / Paramedic 23 Years of Service
- Andrew Colby, Engineer / Paramedic / TRT 22 Years of Service

- Steve Gereg, Firefighter / Paramedic 22 Years of Service
- Brian Logsdon, Captain / TRT 22 Years of Service
- Brian White, Battalion Chief 22 Years of Service
- Brian Wyatt, Captain / Paramedic 22 Years of Service
- Jeff Ehrlich, Captain / Paramedic 18 Years of Service
- Joe Garcia, Captain / Paramedic 18 Years of Service
- Mark Castaneda, Captain / Paramedic / TRT 17 Years of Service
- Dan McKinney, Firefighter / Paramedic 17 Years of Service
- Mike Farber, Fire Chief Official Badge Pinning Ceremony

3. Call to the Public. (BOD #2018-07-N/A)

No requests from anyone in the Public to speak.

4. Consideration and possible approval of all consent agenda items listed below: (BOD #2018-07 – 03)

A. Board Meeting Minutes from June 20, 2018

Motion by Director Moeller to approve all consent agenda items. Seconded by Director Strand.

Vote 5 ayes, 0 nays. MOTION PASSED.

Agenda Item #8 was moved here (BOD #2018-07-07):

Discussion, consideration and possible adoption of Resolution 2018-07-18-12 granting final approval for the sale and issuance of general obligation refunding bonds of the District including delegation to the Fire Chief and the Finance Director of the District to determine certain matters related thereto.

At the May 16, 2018, Board meeting, the Board approved Resolution 2018-05-16-08 that defined the authority to be given to the Fire Chief and Finance Director as they negotiated a Loan Repayment Agreement that would pay off the remaining 2006 GADA bond debt. The Fire Chief and Finance Director were authorized to further efforts that concluded in a Loan Repayment Agreement that covered all costs, did not require additional District funds, and that the refinancing effort resulted in a minimum net present value of savings no less than \$425,000 over the remaining life of the bond. The resulting Loan Repayment Agreement must be approved and signed by the Board to be considered valid and duly authorized.

To that end, Chief Farber and Roger Wood have, in conjunction with Stifel, Nicolas & Company Inc., and Greenburg Traurig, Bond Counsel, received a loan proposal from JP Morgan Chase that will provide, after all costs, and estimated \$456,000 savings in interest over the remaining 9 years of the original bond term. The loan proposal from JP Morgan Chase contains a prepayment clause that will allow the District to pay off the entire remaining loan without penalty after 5 years.

Finance Director Roger Wood talked about taking bids from numerous financing agencies. The successful bid was from JP Morgan Chase. We have been able to lock down the interest rate on the new Bond at 2.83% (fixed). Our current Bond is at 5% interest. That is where the savings is coming from.

Brian Lundberg, Managing Director, with Stifel, Nicolas & Company Inc. was present to speak to the Board and to answer any questions that the Board may have. There were no questions from the Board.

Motion by Clerk Gehrt to approve the 2006 GADA Bond Refinance Resolution 2018–07–18–12 to (1) provide final approval for the sale and issues not to exceed \$ 5,471,000 aggregate principal amount of Superstition Fire & Medical District of Pinal County, Arizona General Obligation Refunding Bonds; (2) awarding the bonds to purchaser thereof; and (3) ratifying all actions take to further this Resolution. **Seconded** by Director Cross

Vote 5 ayes, 0 nays. MOTION PASSED.

5. Public Hearing in accordance with ARS §48-805.02 in order to hear taxpayer's comments on the proposed Superstition Fire & Medical District revenue and expenditure budget for Fiscal Year 2018/2019. (BOD #2018-07-04)

No person(s) from the public in attendance to comment on the Fiscal Year 2018/2019 expenditure budget.

6. Discussion and possible approval of FY 2018/2019 Budget and adoption of Resolution 2018-07-18-10: Budget Adoption. (BOD #2018-07-05)

Finance Director Roger Wood talked about the tentative budget versus the final budget. Some of the line items in the general operating fund ended up being lower than I had estimated back in May. For example, the ELBO pay out was not as high as I had expected it to be. Some spending items weren't as high as I had expected. This allowed us to increase our financial reserve up to 11.75% of tax revenue. The final Budget that were asking you to approve for Fiscal Year 2018/2019 is \$21,768,079.91.

Motion by Director Strand to adopt Resolution 2018-07-18-10: Budget Adoption, fully adopting the estimates of proposed revenues and expenditures by the Superstition Fire & Medical District for the Fiscal Year beginning on July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019 in the amount of \$21,768,079.91 and declaring that such shall establish the budget of the Superstition Fire & Medical District for Fiscal Year 2018/2019. Seconded by Director Moeller.

Vote 5 ayes, 0 nays. MOTION PASSED

7. Discussion and possible adoption of Resolution 2018-07-18-11, authorizing the establishment of a line of credit with Wells Fargo for Fiscal Year 2018/2019. (BOD #2018-07-06)

Finance Director Roger Wood talked about the line of credit with Wells Fargo. This is a \$1.5 million line of credit (a reduction from last year) and the interest rate is 5%. The interest rate is variable and will vary over time.

Motion by Clerk Gehrt to approve Resolution 2018-07-18-11, authorizing the establishment of a line of credit with Wells Fargo, for \$1.5 million for Fiscal Year 2018/2019. **Seconded** by Director Cross.

Vote 5 ayes, 0 nays. MOTION PASSED.

8. **Discussion**, consideration and possible adoption of Resolution 2018-07-18-12 granting final approval for the sale and issuance of general obligation refunding bonds of the District including delegation to the Fire Chief and the Finance Director of the District to determine certain matters related thereto. (BOD #2018-07-07)

9. Discussion and possible approval of extending the 6-month pilot program for Engine 263. (BOD #2018-07-08)

Fire Chief Mike Farber talked about the sixth-month pilot program for Engine 263, which expires at the end of June, 2018. He would like to extend this program for 2 - 3 more months while we are waiting on the SAFER Grant. This pilot program is intended to improve response time, decrease fire loss, increase survivability and increase Firefighter safety. Other benefits are reduction in Firefighter fatigue; decrease sick leave usage, and potentially reduce ISO ratings.

Motion by Clerk Gehrt to approve the continuation of the Engine 263 Pilot Program through September 30, 2018. **Seconded** by Director Cross.

Vote 5 ayes, 0 nays. MOTION PASSED

ITEM #10 WAS REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA:

- 10. Discussion and possible approval of Lexipol software purchase (BOD #2018-07-09)
- 11. Discussion and possible approval of the purchase of Apparatus / Fire Engine. (BOD #2018-07-10)

Motion by Director Moeller to purchase the Pierce Velocity Pumper not to exceed \$675,000, subject to approval of the terms of the ultimate contract. **Seconded** by Director Strand.

Vote 5 ayes, 0 nays. MOTION PASSED.

12. Reports (BOD #2018-07-11)

- > Senior Leadership Team
- > Labor
- Pension Board
- ➤ Board Sanctioned Committees

Senior Leadership Reports

^{**} Agenda item #8 was moved to earlier in the meeting after agenda item number #4 **

Fire Chief Update

Fire Chief Mike Farber

- Testing Process for the following Positions:
 - > Assistant Chief, Operations
 - > Assistant Chief, Planning and Logistics
 - ➤ Administrative Services Director

Interviews will be held on July 19, presentation on July 24, and Chiefs interview on July 25, 2018.

- Congressman Paul Gosar, letter of support for FEMA Grant
- Impact of E263; improved Response Times, Safety and Survivability, reduced Fire Loss
- C-Shift E261 crew helped a local citizen, who is also a World War II Veteran, by temporarily fixing his roof last Monday following storm damage to his home.
- A-Shift L263 crew and Tina Gerola helped one of our Senior Citizens find temporary living arrangements at Motel 6 and arranged to have her air conditioning repaired following an EMS incident at her home. The home was found to be about 115° due to her malfunctioning airconditioner. The hotel was provided by the SFMD and the air conditioning work was donated by a local vendor.

Operations Update

Acting Assistant Chief of Operations Richard Mooney

- Review of Structure Incidents:
 - > June 18th Structure Fire at 597 E. Old West Highway (A-Shift)
 - > June 18th Structure Fire at 1066 W. Windsong (A-Shift)
 - > July 3rd Structure Fire, Mutual Aid for Superior Fire (B-Shift)
 - ➤ July 4th MVA at Broadway & Ironwood (C-Shift)
- Training Update
 - > 3rd Quarter Ladder Training (Modern Ladder Behavior)
 - > TRT Training (Swift Water Training & Helicopter Ops)
- Wildland Deployment
 - > Type 3 San Bernardino, California (Tavares, McCollough, Frawley & Rivera)

Planning & Logistics Update

Acting Assistant Chief of Planning & Logistics Richard Ochs

- Community Events
 - ➤ June 25th Golden Days MHP 110 Smoke Alarms, distributed (FEMA Grant)
 - ➤ June 29th Boys & Girls Club Hero Week visited by A-Shift Station 261
 - ➤ July 10th Palmas Del Sol Fire & Fall Safety presentation for Senior Adults
 - > July 12th Self-Inspection Program; first Set of Letters Mailed to Businesses
- Transportation Services made an offer for a Full Time Emergency Medical Technician to Kelsey Christensen, which she accepted.

Administrative Services Update

Acting Administrative Director Anna Butel

- Completed the 2017 NFPA Fire Experience Survey
- Exported SFMD incident to NFIRS (1/1/2018 to 6/30/2018)
- Mediacom Century Link Fiber Cut yesterday just outside of Phoenix that affected Apache Junction and Gold Canyon

Labor Update

No report given

Pension Board Update

No report given

Board Sanctioned Committees Update

No report given

13. New Business / Future Agenda Items (BOD #2018-07-12)

Senior Leadership is requesting a Work Session on Wednesday, August 1 at 2:00 p.m. to discuss the following items:

- Discussion regarding our Sick Leave Policy
- Discussion regarding our Procurement Policy
- Purchase of Lexipol

14. Announcements (BOD 2018-07-N/A)

Fire Chief Mike Farber presented each Board Member with a 60th Anniversary Commemorative Book. This book will also be provided to previous Fire Chief's.

15. Adjourn (BOD #2018-07-13)

In by Clerk Gehrt at 6:34 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. **Seconded** by Director Strand.

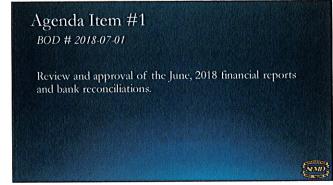
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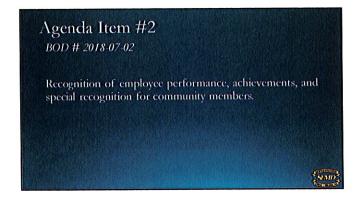
Governing Board Approval:

Gene Gehrt, Board Clerk

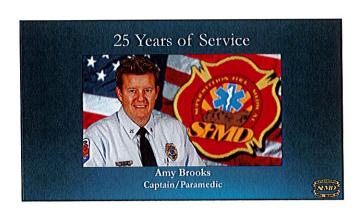
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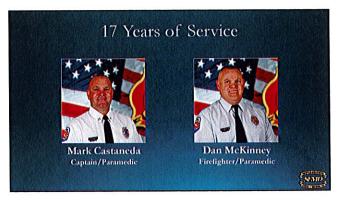




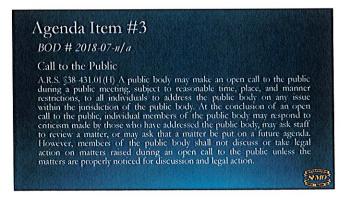


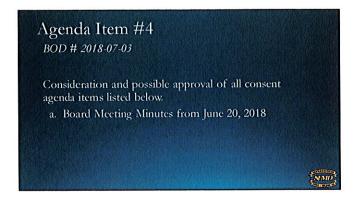


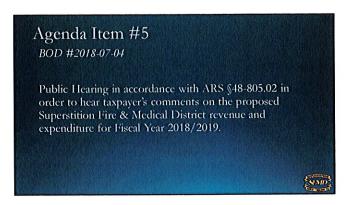


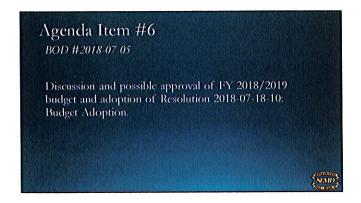


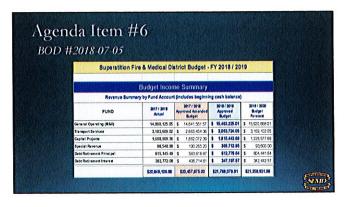


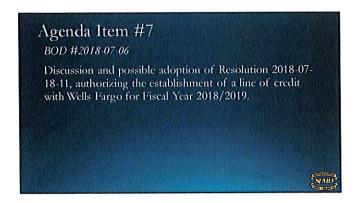


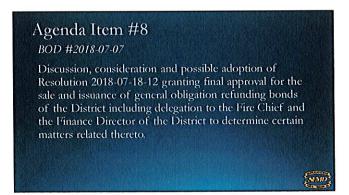


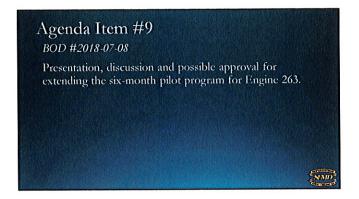


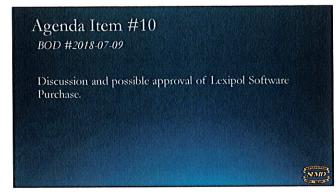




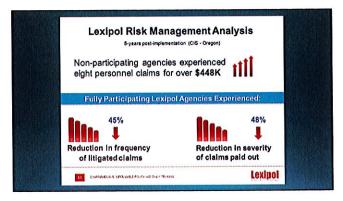


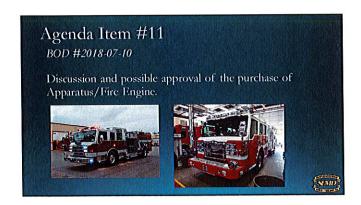


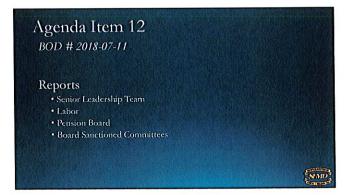


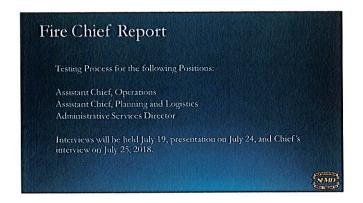


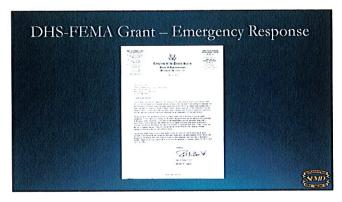


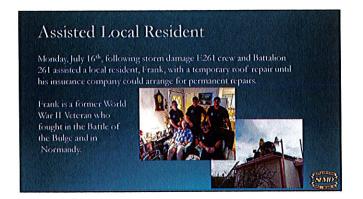


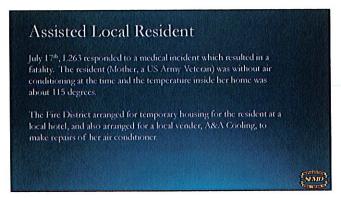


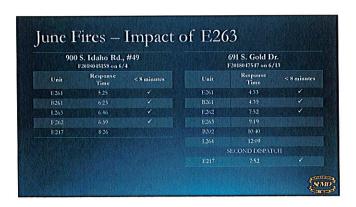












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