



# Superstition Fire & Medical District

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## Governing Board Meeting Minutes

### June 15, 2022

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, JUNE 15, 2022. 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 5:31 PM.**

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#### A. Call to Order

Chairman Chamberlain called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM.

#### B. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance led by Peter Hecht

#### C. Roll Call

Board Members in attendance were Chairman Kathleen Chamberlain, Clerk Jeff Cross and Director Todd House. Director Jason Moeller and Director Shawn Kurian attended via conference phone.

Senior Leadership Team in attendance were Fire Chief John Whitney, Assistant Chief Richard Mooney, Transportation Services Director Billy Warren, Finance Director Roger Wood, Chief Dave Pohlmann and Captain John Walka. Also in attendance was Sherry Mueller, Human Resources Generalist / Board Secretary and Attorney William Whittington.

#### 1. Review and approval of the May 2022 financial reports and bank reconciliations.

**Motion** by Director House to approve the May 2022 financial reports and bank reconciliations.

**Seconded** by Clerk Cross

**Vote 5 ayes, 0 nays, MOTION PASSED.**



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2. **Recognition of employee performance, achievements, and special recognition for community members.**

### **June Anniversaries**

#### **28 Years of Service**

Deputy Chief **Jeff Cranmer**  
Engineer / Paramedic **Mike Wolfe**

#### **21 Years of Service**

Firefighter **Ryan Elowe**

#### **16 Years of Service**

Captain / Paramedic **Alex Dupuis**

#### **15 Years of Service**

Engineer **Brandon Blessum**  
Firefighter / Paramedic **Ryan Rodriguez**  
Captain / Paramedic **Geof Shively**

### **Recognition of the AJ Mounted Rangers**

Fire Chief John Whitney and Tina Gerola, Fire Inspector / Community Risk Reduction Specialist formally thanked the AJ Mounted Rangers for their recent donation of \$1,000 for the April Pool's Day Water Safety Event. In May, the AJ Mounted Rangers donated another \$1,000 to SFMD for community events, safety supplies and materials for the children.

3. **Call to the Public.**

None

4. **Consideration and possible approval of all consent agenda items listed below:**

- A. Board Meeting Minutes from May 18, 2022
- B. Executive Session Minutes from May 18, 2022
- C. Transfer Funds for 6/30/2022 Chase Bond Debt Service Principal and Interest Payments
- D. Transfer Funds for 6/30/2022 Certificates of Participation (COP) US Bank Debt Interest Payment

**Motion** by Clerk Cross to approve all consent agenda items for June 15, 2022.

**Seconded** by Director House

**Vote 5 ayes, 0 nays, MOTION PASSED**



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### **5. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding the development of the Tentative Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Revenue and Expenditure Budget and adoption of Resolution 2022-06-15-15**

**Motion** by Director House to Adopt Resolution 2025-06-15-15 adopting a tentative budget in the amount of **\$30,761,334.25** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023 and giving notice to the public of the tentative budget, as well as a time and place for a public meeting to hear comments prior to final adoption of the budget as required by law.

**Seconded** by Director Kurian and Clerk Cross  
**Vote 5** ayes, 0 nays, **MOTION PASSED**

### **6. Discussion and possible Tentative Adoption of the 2018 International Fire Code with Amendments**

The state of Arizona no longer recognizes the 2015 International Fire Code (IFC). The state requires all jurisdictions using the 2015 International Fire Code to adopt the 2018 or 2021 International Fire Code. The City of Apache Junction and Pinal County has adopted the 2018 International Fire Code. Assistant Chief Mooney met with the City of AJ, and the City of AJ Requests that SFMD use the 2018 version so that we can maintain consistency. Assistant Chief Mooney also added the City of AJ Amendments that apply to Fire Code. The City of AJ's only IFC amendments were definitions and were added to SFMD's Amendments. After meeting all Pinal County code requirements, Pinal County gives SFMD full fire code authority and requires businesses to submit directly to SFMD.

The Amendments made by SFMD are consistent with other valley cities. The significant change was decreasing the commercial square footage requirement for sprinklers from 12,000 square feet to 5000 square feet. SFMD also amended additional required square footage for other occupancies to mirror the 60 % decrease for buildings requiring sprinklers.

**Motion** by Clerk Cross to tentatively adopt the 2018 International Fire Code with Amendments and giving notice to the public of the tentative adoption, as well as a time and place for a public meeting to hear comments prior to final adoption of the 2018 International Fire Code with Amendments as required by law.

**Seconded** by Director House  
**Vote 5** ayes, 0 nays, **MOTION PASSED**



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## **7. Senior Leadership Team Reports**

### **Fire Chief Report**

- HB 2431
- Budget finalization & Audit commitment
- Hospital bed delays
- City of Apache Junction IGA
- TMMS
  - Conservation for long-term solution
- Strategic Plan
- Rapid Extrication Module Support (REMS) Wildland Unit
- Vision, Mission, Values
  - Identity
- Firefighter Day at Camp Courage – AZ Burn Foundation

### **Emergency Services**

#### **Operations**

- Engineers Promotional Process Meeting
- East Valley Assistant Chief's Meeting
- Chief Brooks and E263 presented on Wildland Medical Emergencies at the Mountain Vista Family Medicine Residency Program
- Ride-along program
- Training Committee Meeting
- AJHS Graduation
- Monthly Incident Call Volume
- 5-Year Call Volume Projection

#### **Training**

- Firefighter Recruit Academy Graduation from Mesa Fire Academy
- Monthly and Year-to-date Training Hours
- Trench rescue training
- Active Shooter training at the RTC

#### **EMS**

- Image Trend initial preliminary NEMSIS 3.5 transition setup (National EMS Information System data set is expanding. Required to migrate our system next year)
- Vector Solutions RMS revamp
- Medic Integration revamp with EMS Committee includes new medic, TSP and new hire
- Finalizing Boundtree UCAPIT pharmaceutical Management system and supplies contract (with Anna Butel)



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## Transportation Services

- Medicare Cost Data Collection Audit Planning Meeting
- Attended AEMS Odyssey Conference
- M262 Summer Deployment
- AZDHS Ambulance Inspection of Unit C-89
- Monthly Transportation Volume
- CON Compliance through May 2022

## Support Services

- TRWC Quarterly Board Meeting
- July 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting On-Site at High School
- Fire Crew attended Birthday Party at the AJ Multi-Generational Center
- Regional Monsoon Tabletop Exercise
- PSA Announcement with the city-News & Video Release
  - Captain Bryan Heun – Monsoon safety & sandbag locations
  - Community Support Specialist Tina Gerola – Fireworks Safety
- Special Events Process Meeting
  - Peralta Gate – Agenda Item for discussion only

## Administrative Services

- Open Enrollment Completion
- UKG Discovery Document
- CLM Essentials – DocuSign
- iPad EPCR tablet replacements deployed this week
- Recruit Firefighter Panel Interviews July 11 - 18
- New Hire Jesse Bloomquist / Fire Mechanic I

## 8. New Business / Future Agenda Items

None

## 9. Announcements / Document Signing

None

## 10. Adjourn

**Motion** by Director House to adjourn the board meeting at 6:47 p.m.

**Seconded** by Clerk Cross

**Vote** 5 ayes, 0 nays, **MOTION PASSED**



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### **Governing Board Approval:**

  
Board Clerk Jeff Cross  
Sherry Mueller