

**HELLSGATE FIRE DISTRICT  
FIRE BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chairman Gary Norem called the Fire Board Meeting to order on Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 5:31 p.m. at the Hellsgate Fire Department Station 21, 80 S. Walters Lane, Star Valley, Arizona.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Board Chairman Gary Norem, Board Vice Chairman Jeff Shaw and Board Member Conrad Thorne

Members Absent: Board Clerk Garah Monnich and Board Member Mark Runzo

Staff: Chief Dave Bathke and Business Manager Angie Lecher

Public: Engineer Jeff Yungkans, Firefighter Coby Smith, Firefighter Bill Beller, Engineer George Karrys, Charlie Smith, Jim Hayden and Jeff Meyerson.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Regular Meeting of September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015

- Board Member Thorne made a **Motion** to accept the September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Board Meeting minutes. Board Vice Chairman Shaw seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously **APPROVED**.

B. Special Meeting of September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015

- Board Vice Chairman Shaw made a **Motion** to accept the September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Special Meeting minutes. Board Member Thorne seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously **APPROVED**.
- Board Member Thorne made a **Motion** to accept the September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Executive Session minutes. Board Vice Chairman Shaw seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously **APPROVED**.

**5. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

A. News Releases and Awards

None.

B. Chief's Report

Chief Dave Bathke presented the Chief's report for September.

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C. Fireflies Report

None.

**6. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

A. Approval of Financial Reports for September 2015

The board reviewed the financial reports presented by Business Manager Angie Lecher.

- Board Member Shaw made a **Motion** to accept the financial report as presented. Board Vice Chairman Shaw seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously **APPROVED**.

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. Meyerson Law Strategic Analysis Planning

- Board Vice Chairman Shaw made a **Motion** to go into executive session to discuss Strategic Analysis Planning with Meyerson and others. Board Member Thorne seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously **APPROVED**.

Executive Session Began at 5:55 p.m.

Executive Session Ended at 7:20 p.m.

- Board Vice Chairman Shaw made a **Motion** to enter into regular session. Board Member Thorne seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously **APPROVED**.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Reserve Pension Terms and Investment Options

The Board discussed NBS (LSW) as our current provider for the reserve pension and how much they are failing at the promises made and the amount of money employees would gain through investment. The Reserve Pension Board proposed moving all funds over to be managed with Nationwide and remove the vesting schedule.

- Board Member Thorne made a **Motion** to move to Nationwide Retirement Solutions for all employees and to use legal counsel to get funds transferred from NBS without penalties to the employees for early closure due to breach of contract with many items. Board Vice Chairman Shaw seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously **APPROVED**.

B. Flight Medic Stipend/Pay

- Board Vice Chairman Shaw made a **Motion** to go into executive session to discuss a Stipend Pay for Flight Medics. Board Member Thorne seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously **APPROVED**.

Executive Session Began at 7:40 p.m.

Executive Session Ended at 7:49 p.m.

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- Board Vice Chairman Shaw made a **Motion** to enter into regular session. Board Member Thorne seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously **APPROVED**.
- Board Vice Chairman Shaw made a **Motion** to accept a Flight Medic Stipend Policy that will be written out for approval at the November 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Board Member Thorne seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously **APPROVED**.

**9. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Firefighter Bill Beller made a comment about the current reserve pension and how it is doing none of the employees any good. He was in support of researching and using Nationwide as the new pension group to manage the reserve funds.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Norem called for an adjournment.

- Board Vice Chairman Shaw made a **Motion** to adjourn the meeting. Board Member Thorne seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously **APPROVED**.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted  
Angie Lecher, Business Manager