

HELLSGATE FIRE DISTRICT  
FIRE BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 8, 2013

**MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chairman Cory called the Fire Board Meeting to order on Wednesday, April 10, 2013 at 5:30p.m. At Hellsgate Fire Department Station 22, 151 N. Matthews Ln Tonto Village, Arizona.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Board Chairman Larry Cory  
Vice Chairman Charlie Conover  
Board Member Gary Norem  
Board Member Fred Horton

**Members Absent**

Board Clerk Richard Pinkerton

**Staff**

Battalion Chief David Bathke  
Business Manager Angie Lecher  
Administrative Assistant Karen Carlen

**Public**

Janet & Bill Snyder, Mr. & Mrs. Fauz, Mrs. Norem, Jim Carlen,  
Dara Sutton.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLIGANCE**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**a. Regular Meeting April 10, 2012**

The Board reviewed the minutes and made no corrections.

- Board Member Horton made a motion to accept the April 10, 2013 regular board meeting minutes. Member Conover seconded the motion.

AYES: Conover, Cory, Norem, Horton

NAYS: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**5. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

**a. News releases and awards**

A thank you note was read from Mr. & Mrs. Edward Hill

**b. Chief's Report**

Read by Battalion Chief Bathke. Report included annual run/call numbers and current personnel staffing. In addition the following topics were mentioned: Testing was held May 1, 2 & 3 for the Captains position and Tim Ballentyne was selected as our new Captain, Dispatch issues remain a problem, and Chief Hatch is in Washington DC this week. We are moving forward with the purchase of surplus equipment totaling \$2.00.

**c. Financial Report for April 2013**

Business Manager Angie Lecher reviewed the financial report with the board. Highlights included: We are still waiting on payments from the State for last Wildland season. The quarterly budget is on track.

**d. Fireflies Report**

A report was given by Janet Snyder. The Fireflies held a meeting on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013 and due to the fact they no longer have a commercial kitchen they have decided not to hold their annual breakfast or BBQ. They will decide which events they can support and work together as a team to sell T-shirts, cookbooks and bake sale items.

**6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**a. Discussion and possible action on:** The Board discussed the proposed budget and Board Chairman Cory presented information graphing the assessed property values and revenue from 2008 to 2014. The proposed budget includes a onetime override at a tax rate of 3.4603%.

- Board member Horton made a motion to move forward with the adoption process and to post the budget for public review. Seconded by Conover.

AYES: Cory, Norem, Conover, Horton

NAYS: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Discussion and possible action on: The Board will discuss the issue of a deferred compensation plan for the Battalion Chief.**

- Board member Conover made a motion to compensate the Battalion position at a rate of 10% to PSPRS/457B retirement plans. Seconded by Horton

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AYES: Cory, Conover, Norem, Horton

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Norem

**MOTION CARRIED**

**8. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Board Chairman Cory made a call to the public. The question, “How long will the override tax rate last?” was asked by a member of the public.

Public comment closed.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

- Board member Conover made a motion to adjourn the meeting.  
Board member Horton seconded the motion.

AYES: Cory, Conover, Norem, Horton

NAYS: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

Meeting adjourned at 6:28 pm

RP/kjc

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Richard Pinkerton, Clerk