

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE TWENTYNINE PALMS WATER DISTRICT
72401 HATCH ROAD, TWENTYNINE PALMS, CA 92277**

MAY 22, 2013

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Call to Order and Roll Call

President Moore called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., 72401 Hatch Road, Twentynine Palms, California. Those responding to roll call were Bo Bourikas, Chancey Chambers, Philip Cisneros, Sam Moore, and Roger Shinaver. Also present were Fire Chief Jim Thompson, Financial Consultant Cindy Byerrum, and District Secretary Cindy Fowlkes.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None

Public Comments

Edward Vallerand, resident of Diamond Bar, spoke to a Non-Agenda Item. Mr. Vallerand would like to see the Fire Department employ local reserve firefighters.

1. Budget Workshop

Chief Thompson informed the Board that the Fire Budget is in a similar format as the Water budget. The budget reflects the staffing level presented to the Board last month with a reduction in paid staff and reflects the closure of the Lear Fire Station. Ms. Byerrum went through the proposed budget and touched upon a few significant line items one of which was apparatus reserves. There currently is no funding for apparatus reserve; Explorer revenue funds have been separated from the general fund; and overhead allocations is higher than in past years to reflect the whole cost of administration services.

After discussion, which included taking 50% of the special revenues and transferring it to Fire, after other transfers have been made, Director Chambers made a motion to take 50% of the remaining tower revenue funds and allocate it to the Fire Department for apparatus reserves, motion seconded by Director Bourikas.

As a point of order, Ms. Alaniz reminded the Board the item was tabled until the June Board meeting and that it was the opinion of legal council that using such funds is unprecedented. Motion was tabled for further discussion until the June Board meeting.

Mr. Vallerand, resident of Diamond Bar, commented on Agenda Item #1 and asked the Board to look at volunteer operation costs.

2. Consent Calendar

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 24, 2013
- Audit List

Director Cisneros moved to adopt the Consent Calendar, seconded by Director Shinaver and approved unanimously.

3. Items Removed From the Consent Calendar for Discussion or Separate Action
None

4. Department Reports

4.1 Fire Chief's Report

Chief Thompson reported the Department responded to 179 calls for assistance during April. On May 14th the Chief was on the City's Agenda and provided a presentation on the reduction of service levels. There were no questions or responses from City Council. 16,700 feet of hose was tested and completed within 10-12 days under the direction of Timothy Cole. Fire Chief Leazer and Assistant Fire Chief Moore of the MCAGCC were thanked for providing training to the Firefighters. On June 1st the Fire Department will be at the Car Show disseminating Q&A flyers to citizens regarding the closure of the Lear Fire Station.

4.2 Finance Report

Ms. Byerrum, Financial Consultant, reported that there is a \$70,000 budget deficit, far less than what was projected for the month.


5. Future Agenda Items and Staff Tasks/Directors' Comments and Reports

Director Shinaver would like staff to look into solar power for the Fire stations and would like to see the return of Fire calls reported in the paper.

Director Cisneros recommended that the President and Financial Consultant review the General Manager's white board which outlines future plans for the District.

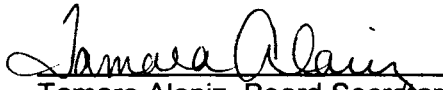
6. Adjournment

On motion by Director Shinaver seconded by Director Chambers and approved by the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.



Kerion E. Moore, President
Board of Directors

Attest:


Tamara Alaniz, Board Secretary
Twentynine Palms Water District

APPROVED JUN 26 2013