

SUNSIDES-PEARCE FIRE DISTRICT



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Sunsites-Pearce Fire District Regular Meeting March 24, 2015

1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Robert Fino.
 - A. **Attendance and Confirmation of Quorum.** Chairman Robert Fino, Clerk Brian McClain, Board Member Jason Simmons, Board Member Brian Allen, and Board Member Joanna Baker were present. Chairman Robert Fino declared that a quorum is present.
 - B. **Board Members Absent.** None
 - C. **Declarations of Conflicts of Interest.** No Board Member declared a conflict of interest.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Interim Fire Chief Josh Steinberg led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Consent Agenda.**
 - A. **Approval of Warrant Reports.** After discussion, Clerk McClain made a motion to approve the warrants from February 2015; Board Member Simmons seconded the motion. Vote: All in favor, motion carried.
 - B. **Approval of Expense Reports.** After discussion, Chairman Fino made a motion to approve the expenses from February 2015 as written, Clerk McClain seconded the motion. Vote: All in favor, motion carried.
 - C. **Approval of Minutes from the February 24, 2015 Regular Meeting.** After discussion, Board Member Baker made a motion to approve the minutes; Board Member Simmons seconded the motion. Vote: All in favor.
4. **Financial Reports.** Mrs. Suprenant reviewed the February 2015 financial reports. See the attached financial reports. Board members asked Interim Fire Chief Steinberg clarifying questions.

A. Review, discuss, and possibly approve the financials for February 2015.

After discussion, Chairman Fino made a motion to approve the February 2015 financials; Board Member Simmons seconded the motion. Vote: All in favor, motion carried.

5. Action Agenda.

A. Discuss, vote and possibly approve the formation of a budget committee for the upcoming budget of 2015/2016. Interim Fire Chief Steinberg explained the options and benefits of a budget committee versus a budget work session. After discussion, Board Member Baker made a motion to not approve a budget committee, Chairman Fino seconded the motion. Vote: All in favor, motion carried.

Board Member Baker suggested that Item C. be discussed prior to item B. Chairman Fino suggested that the fire board discuss item C. before item B. Action Item C. was discussed prior to item B.

B. Discuss, vote and possibly approve the extension or modification of the current interim fire chief's contract. After discussion, Board Member Baker made a suggestion to extend the current contract as stated, for thirty days. Chairman Fino offered the suggestion as a motion; Board Member Simmons seconded the motion. Vote: All in favor, motion carried.

C. Discuss, vote and possibly approve the procedures on appointing or hiring a fire chief. After discussion, Board Member Baker made a suggestion to put on the next agenda to appoint Interim Fire Chief Steinberg as fire chief. Chairman Fino offered the suggestion as a motion; no one seconded. Motion failed. After further discussion, Clerk McClain made a motion to have a special work session regarding the appointing or hiring of a fire chief. Clerk McClain then made an amended motion that the board holds one or multiple work sessions regarding the appointing or hiring of the fire chief, in a timely manner; Board Member Allen seconded the motion. Vote: All in favor, motion carried.

D. Discuss, vote and possibly approve the expenditures for replacing the water plumbing in the Sunsites station. Interim Fire Chief Steinberg presented the board with the additional bid. After discussion, Chairman Fino made a motion to go with DeCamp. Chairman Fino then made an amended motion to approve the expenditure of \$6,750.00 to replace the plumbing in the Sunsites station; Board Member Simmons seconded the motion. Vote: All in favor, motion carried.

E. Discuss, vote and possibly approve the adoption of revised Sunsites-Pearce Fire District Governing Board by-laws. Interim Fire Chief Steinberg answered clarifying questions from the board. After discussion, Chairman Fino made a motion to

post the draft bylaws on the districts website and table the adoption with a possible future work session to further review the presented bylaws; Board Member Baker seconded the motion. Vote: All in favor, motion carried.

F. Discuss, vote and possibly approve the expenditures for Engine 307 repairs. Interim Fire Chief Steinberg presented a bid to the board and explained the need for front end repairs to Engine 307 for safety purposes and to preserve the life of the new tires. After discussion, Board Member Baker made a motion to approve this expenditure; Board Member Allen seconded the motion. Vote: All in favor.

6. **Fire Chief's Report.** The Fire Chief's Report was presented by Interim Fire Chief, Josh Steinberg. See attached Fire Chief's Report.

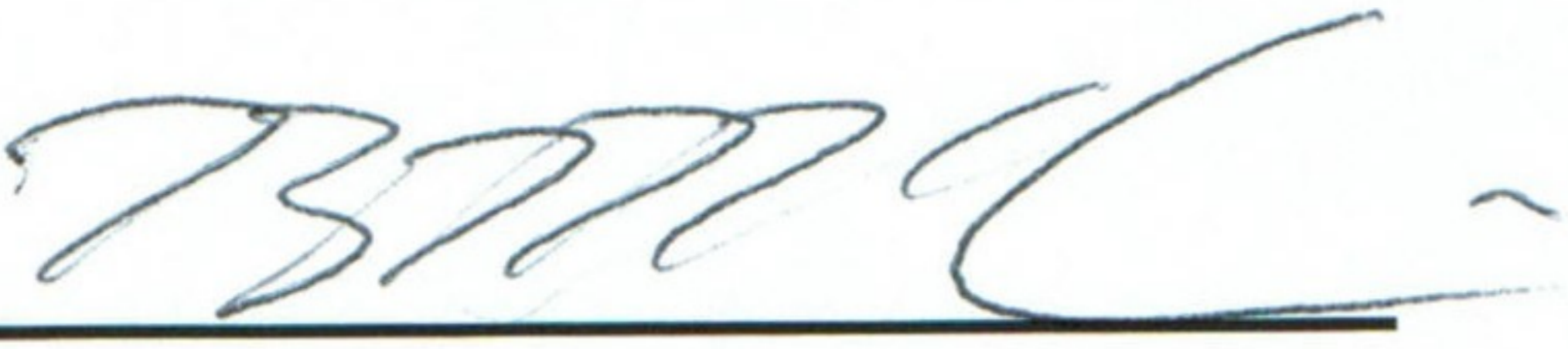
7. **Requests from board members for future agenda items.** Clerk McClain requested a future work session for the 2015/2016 budget.

8. **Call To The Public.** Mr. Frei made comments on the financial report from last year, events that occurred at the last meeting, and a possible expenditure violation with Medic 301. Mr. Frei also inquired as to which account the money from selling Tender 309 would be dispersed. Chairman Fino informed Mr. Frei that he had reached his three minute time limit, and asked that he take a seat and allow the rest of the public to speak. Ms. Louise Lance expressed concern with the emergency spending expenditure with Medic 301. Mrs. Jessica Jones expressed concerned that proper protocol was not followed in order to approve the expenditures for Medic 301. Ms. Alice Haertsch inquired about an email that was sent out to several public members regarding the meeting. Ms. Haertsch also recommended posting the agenda on Fridays. Mr. Paul Whiteman stated that he is new to town and would like to be more involved in the community. Mr. Whiteman also stated that we should work together and not have conflict. Mrs. Jones added that she advises the board to use caution with how agenda items are placed and the actions that are taken.

9. **Comments of the fire board on past and current issues raised by the public concerning the Board and Fire District.** Chairman Fino thanked the new public members for attending the meeting. Chairman Fino also stated that if a member of the public has a personal issue with a board member and that issue does not pertain to a board meeting, it be addressed outside of the meeting.

10. **Adjourn.** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelsi Suprenant

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Brian McClain
Board Clerk

April 21, 2015