



# SUNSTITES-PEARCE FIRE DISTRICT

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AND NEIGHBORING COCHISE COUNTY

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## Sunsites-Pearce Fire District Regular Meeting November 17, 2015

### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Robert Fino.

### 2. Roll Call

**A. Attendance and Confirmation of Quorum** - Chairman Robert Fino, Board Member Jason Simmons, Board Member Tom Whiteman, and Board Member Jessica Jones were present. Chairman Fino confirmed that a quorum was met. Board Member Brian Allen arrived at 6:08 pm.

**B. Board Members Absent** - No Board Members were absent.

**C. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest** - No Board Member declared a conflict of interest.

**3. The Pledge of Allegiance** - Fire Chief Josh Steinberg led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. Recognition of Guests** – No Guests were present at this meeting.

### 5. Consent Agenda

**A. Approval of Warrant Reports;**

**B. Approval of Expense Reports** Chairman Fino moved to approve the consent agenda which is comprised of the Warrant Reports and Expense Reports; Board Member Jones seconded the motion. Vote: All in favor, motion carried.

### 6. Approval of Minutes of the October 20, 2015 Regular Meeting and October 30/November 9, 2015 Special Meeting

Board members reviewed minutes of the October 20, 2015 Regular Meeting. Chairman Fino moved to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2015 Regular Meeting as written. Board Member Whiteman seconded the motion. Vote: 4 members in favor, 1 abstention (Board Member Jones was not a member of the Board at that meeting), motion carried.

Board members reviewed the minutes of the October 30/November 9, 2015 Special Meeting. Chairman Fino moved to approve the minutes of the October 30/November 9, 2015 Special Meeting as written; Board Member Jones seconded the motion. Vote: 3

votes in favor, 2 abstentions (Board Members Simmons and Allen were not present at that meeting) motion carried.

## **7. Call to Public**

Mrs. Louise Lance offered her opinion regarding the proposed annexation process and an internet article regarding Fire District Taxation. Mr. Cletus Frei made negative comments regarding Chairman Fino and Chief Steinberg. He continued with comments regarding the Special Meeting of October 30/November 9, 2015, and the financial organization of the Fire District. Chairman Fino responded that he would not accept Mr. Frei's insults and slanderous statements toward the Board and himself.

## **8. Financial Reports**

### **A. Review, discuss, and possibly approve the financials for October 2015.**

Lillian Reed presented the financial report for October 2015. (See October 2015 Financial Report attached.) Following discussion, Board Member Allen moved to approve the financial report for October 2015 as presented; Board Member Whiteman seconded the motion. Vote: All in favor, motion carried.

## **9. Fire Chief's Report**

The Fire Chief's Report was presented by Fire Chief Josh Steinberg. (See the attached Fire Chief's Report.)

## **10. Old Business**

**A.** Review, Discuss, and possibly take action regarding the "District Boundary Change Impact Statement and Proposed Annexation Process for the Sunsites-Pearce Fire District." Following discussion, Chairman Fino moved to table the Proposed Annexation Process for a two (2) month period; notify all property owners of their right to opt-out of the annexation with a letter containing the information of the area to be opted –out; and letters from those property owners who wish to be included in the annexation; and review the information received in two (2) months time. Following further discussion, Chairman Fino amended his motion, moving to table the Proposed Annexation Process for a three (3) month period; notify all property owners to contact the Fire Station with a written request to opt-out of the annexation process and review this tabled item on February 23, 2016, at the regular board meeting. The motion was seconded by Board Member Whiteman. Vote: four members voted in favor; Board Member Jones voted opposed; motion carried.

**B.** Review, discuss, and possibly approve the Cochise County Public Safety Mutual Aid Agreement. Following discussion, Chairman Fino moved to approve the Cochise County Public Safety Mutual Aid Agreement. Board Member Allen seconded the

motion. During discussion, Chairman Fino believes it to be important that Mr. Whittington's redlined version be taken to the County Attorney for review and comment. Vote: all in favor, motion carried.

**11. New Business**

- A. Review, discuss and possibly approve the renewal of our Insurance Policy with Jones Wilson. Following discussion, Chairman Fino moved to approve the renewal of the Insurance Policy with Jones Wilson in the amount of \$30,712.00. Board Member Jones seconded the motion. Vote: all in favor, motion passed.
- B. Review, discuss, and possibly approve the VFA Grant. Following discussion, Chairman Fino moved to approve the VFA Grant as written with spelling corrections. Board Member Whiteman seconded the motion. Vote: all in favor, motion carried.
- C. Review, discuss, and possibly approve expenditures for repair of T-303. Following discussion, Chairman Fino moved to approve expenditure for repair of T-303 in the worst case scenario price of \$7,075.71. Board Member Whiteman seconded the motion. Vote: all in favor, motion carried.

**12. Requests from board members for future agenda items.** Board Member Whiteman requested an agenda item to discuss forming a committee to review the Sunsites-Pearce Fire Hydrant status.

**13. Adjournment.**

Chairman Fino moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m.; Board Member Simmons seconded the motion. Vote: All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lillian Reed

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Board Clerk

Approved: December 15, 2015