



# SUNSTITES-PEARCE FIRE DISTRICT

SERVING RESIDENTS OF THE SUNSITES-PEARCE FIRE DISTRICT,  
AND NEIGHBORING COCHISE COUNTY

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## Sunsites-Pearce Fire District Regular Meeting January 21, 2020

1. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Chairperson Tom Whiteman.
2. **Roll Call**
  - A. **Attendance and Confirmation of Quorum** - Chairperson Tom Whiteman, Board Clerk Lillian Reed, Board Member Albert Koester and Board Member Ralph Score were present. Chairperson Whiteman acknowledged that a quorum was met.
  - B. **Board Members Absent** – Board Member Camme Carlson-Watkins was absent
  - C. **Declarations of Conflicts of Interest** – No Board Member declared a conflict of interest.
3. **The Pledge of Allegiance** – Chief Josh Steinberg led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Recognition of Guests** – Jay and Lisa Parke of Walker & Armstrong, LLP, new community member Mr Bill Kohn and staff.
5. **Consent Agenda**
  - A. **Acceptance of Bank Statements;**
  - B. **Approval of Minutes – December 17, 2019 Regular Meeting.** Following discussion, Board Clerk Reed moved to approve the consent agenda which is comprised of the Bank Statements and Minutes of the December 17, 2019 Regular Meeting. Board Member Score seconded the motion.

Vote:  
In favor – Chairperson Thomas Whiteman, Board Clerk Lillian Reed, Board Member Albert Koester and Board Member Ralph Score.  
Opposed – none  
Motion carried
6. **Call to Public** – Mr Bill Kohn introduced himself and the Board welcomed him to the community.
7. **Financial Report**
  - A **Review, discuss, and possibly approve the financials for December 2019.** Following discussion, Board Clerk Reed moved to approve the financial report for December 2019. Board Member Score seconded the motion.

Vote:  
In favor - Chairperson Thomas Whiteman, Board Clerk Lillian Reed, Board Member Albert Koester and Board Member Ralph Score.  
Opposed – none  
Motion carried

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

**9. New Business**

**A. Review, discuss and possible action to accept the FY19 Audit presented by Walker & Armstrong, LLP.** Following the Audit presentation and discussion, Board Clerk Reed moved to accept the FY19 Audit as presented. Board Member Score seconded the motion.

Vote:

In favor - Chairperson Thomas Whiteman, Board Clerk Lillian Reed, Board Member Albert Koester and Board Member Ralph Score.

Opposed – none

Motion carried

**B. Review and discuss a "Vote of Confidence" by the Board for Chief Steinberg.** Board Member Koester made a motion asking the Board to consider a Vote of Confidence for Fire Chief Josh Steinberg. Board Clerk Reed seconded the motion, adding that this Vote of Confidence is not stemming from any issues brought forth from the public.

Vote:

In favor - Chairperson Thomas Whiteman, Board Clerk Lillian Reed, Board Member Albert Koester and Board Member Ralph Score.

Opposed – none

Motion carried

**C. Review and discuss any Medicare updates.** Following discussion, there was no action taken.

**D. Review, discuss and possible action regarding filling the position of District Chaplain.** Following discussion, Board Member Score moved to take action on the existing policy and hire a Chaplain. Board Clerk Reed seconded the motion.

Vote:

In favor - Chairperson Thomas Whiteman, Board Clerk Lillian Reed, Board Member Albert Koester and Board Member Ralph Score.

Opposed – none

Motion carried

**E. Review, discuss and possible action to declare items on the Surplus list #20-1 as Surplus and instruct the Fire Chief on the handling of the sale of those items.**

Following discussion, Board Clerk Reed moved to declare all the items as Surplus and allow the Fire Chief to sell as he deems necessary. Board Member Koester seconded the motion.

Vote:

In favor - Chairperson Thomas Whiteman, Board Clerk Lillian Reed, Board Member Albert Koester and Board Member Ralph Score.

Opposed – none

Motion carried

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- F. Election of Officers.** Board Member Score moved to keep Mr Thomas Whiteman as Board Chair, Board Member Koester seconded the motion. Board Chair Whiteman moved to keep Ms Lillian Reed as Board Clerk, Board Member Score seconded the motion.

Vote:

In favor - Chairperson Thomas Whiteman, Board Clerk Lillian Reed, Board Member Albert Koester and Board Member Ralph Score.

Opposed – none

Motion carried

- 10. Requests from board members for future agenda items.** – Nothing requested

- 11. Adjournment.** - Board Member Score moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Board Member Koester seconded the motion.

Vote:

In favor - Chairperson Thomas Whiteman, Board Clerk Lillian Reed, Board Member Albert Koester and Board Member Ralph Score.

Opposed – none

Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Allen