

YARNELL FIRE DISTRICT
FIRE BOARD MINUTES, SPECIAL SESSION

March 7, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Arlon Rice called the meeting to order at 10 AM

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call of Board Members:

Present were Chair Arlon Rice, Treasurer Richard Mayer, Secretary Carole Ryan, Members at Large Kevin O'Donnell, Donna Gordon. Chief Palm was not available. Nina Bourbeau, our accountant, was present.

3. Reports and correspondence:

A. Chairman's report: Arlon shared a meeting with the Peoples Valley Fire Department regarding a chain saw issue. He reported how this was resolved. He also reported that Donna, Kevin and Carole are up to reelection this year. Finally, he discussed that FYD property up by Ash Fork needs to be relisted.

4. Old Business:

A. Executive session to discuss Chief's Evaluation results.

a. Richard made motion to go into Executive Session at 11:24AM to discuss the Chief's Evaluation results. Kevin seconded. Approved by all.

b. Richard made a motion to return to regular session at 11:45AM. Second by Arlon. Motion carried by all. Return to regular session at 11:45AM.

B. Nina was available to discuss the new 2016-2017 budget issues . We saw that taxable assets in Yarnell fell from about 5 ½ million in 2013 down to about 3 ½ million this year due to the fire. As a result, our incoming tax money will be much lower this year since we function off of tax revenue. Due to this significant financial shortfall, we really have to tighten our belt in putting together the 2016/2017 YFD budget.

At this time our Training Center pays for the utilities in the fire house building. And if our employees work on wild fires this summer, YFD and the firefighter(s) involved will get additional income from that. We are also applying for grants.

Nina provided information regarding our expenses and our projection for 2016/2017.

Another possible expense in the next budget year is a new roof needed for the Administration Building. All labor will

5. New Business:

A. The warranty deed returning the Memorial Park property to YHRC cannot include a dollar amount. This will change to “love and consideration” instead.

B. Chief Palm and Arlon attended a meeting with our District 1 County Supervisor, Rowle P. Simmons. His administrative assistant, Barbara Fox Thomas, was also in attendance. Arlon and Ben discussed our large financial shortfall this year due to reduced taxable assets in Yarnell since the fire.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned by Arlon Rice at 11:47 AM. The next regular session will be held on March 21, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Ryan, YFB Secretary