Thunderbird Fire District Board Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2024, Meeting

7:00 PM, Community Center

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call:

Pat Kaup Allen Allcott

Carol Shrock James Martinez

Dave Brady N/A

Call to the Public: No public comments.

A motion was made to approve the February 2024 minutes by Chief Allcott, 2nd by Pat Kaup

A motion was made to approve the February 2024 Financials by Chief Allcott, 2nd by Carol Shrock

Correspondence: Election paperwork needs to be filled out by May 9th.

New Business:

Discuss/Approve/Deny: Purchase of lot 1 & 2, County is doing an appraisal if we are interested in a purchase. The County will keep the portion that encompasses the wash. Discussion regarding the bridge over the Vekol. Chief Allcott made a motion to consider purchase of lots contingent upon appraisal and potential funding. 2nd by Carol Shrock.

Discuss/Approve/Deny: Updating/Change to District subscription rates (see handout). Discussion regarding rates charged by other districts. Chief Allcott made a motion to adopt new rate schedule, a 32nd by Carol Shrock

Discuss/Approve/Deny: Resolution 2024-002 application to annex into District and 2024-003 application to annex into District. 2024-002 is the Tree Farm. Assessor’s dept. cartography division checked it for accuracy. 2024-002 has several lots. 2024-003 is two lots in Thunderbird North. Pat noted the signature can be changed from Her’s. The Treasurer’s report allowed for the mapping of the District. Carol also had an outstanding levy amount. Over ½ is still outstanding. Motion made by Pat Kaup to approve 2024-002 and 2024-003, Chief Allcott 2nd.

Discuss/Approve/Deny: Pat and Carol’s seats are up in November. Discussion only

Discuss/Approve/Deny: Arizona Termite Service, which treatment do we want 1 year, 3 year or 5 years. The Chief made a motion to sign the 5-year contract at $1,795.00. Pat 2nd.

Old Business:

Discuss/Approve/Deny: Resolution regarding calls to City of Maricopa. Maricopa can request an agreement with us, but we are under no obligation in that area. The Chief had a meeting with Brad Pitassi of Maricopa Fire. They both agreed it did not fall under the AZMAA. Pitassi said that Maricopa has made arrangements with the County dispatch. If TFD responds first, they will take over when they arrive. The Chief said that we will not respond to calls in that area. If they want TFD to respond to that area a financial agreement needs to be in place. It will be a couple of years before the station is built. Brad Pitassi and the Chief discussed the ISO rating. Maricopa’s rating does not transfer to this area. Brad Pitassi said the residents understand they have a rating of 10. We will need to receive the call for assistance from the City of Maricopa. Please verify with dispatch if the call is coming from the City of Maricopa. The County Attorney said we have no obligation to respond to this area, but we do have liability if we go without the city requesting. If Maricopa was worried about this issue, they would have reached out to TFD. Chief Allcott made a motion to ask the County Attorney to draft a Resolution protecting the fire district. Pat Kaup 2nd

January Minutes need a correction on a motion.

Board Member Reports:

Carol cannot find any annual reports and the County has not received a report in years. No reports since 2012. Agenda item to hire Sara from AZ District Solutions to do our reports. Time to change how we handle things. Get a cost sheet. also, minutes

Carol will check into Arizona WEX cards.

Fundraising: Golf Tournament November 8th, Pancake breakfast April 6th. Flyers being made. The Chief is hoping to get the Green Fee dropped in November.

Chief Report: Brittney gave The Chief contacts to request donations from the Suns, Cardinals etc. The Chief is working on a grant application with Ak-Chin. The Chief will approach Council to do a multiyear grant. It is better than a Federal Grant. Chief met with State Land. All land without a structure on it is technically State Land. They have a rate structure. We need to have our volunteers certified. Dan and Eric may be able to do the training with their credentials. State contract is now for 5 years. April 1st is open enrollment. We can put the reimbursement form on the portal.

General Discussion: Alan Shrock reported that he had traffic on his radio that was not ours. Chief said Ak-Chin lost their radio communications.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:06 pm