06/29/2022
CALL TO THE PUBLIC
JUNE 29TH, 2022 REGULAR MEETING

BOARD MEMBERS:

ONCE AGAIN THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR HAS ARRIVED WITH THE LAST MEETING AGENDA GENERATING MORE QUESTIONS THAN EVER BEFORE. IT IS UNFORTUNATE SINCE THIS TIME SHOULD BRING CLOSURE AND A SENSE OF CONFIDENCE THAT SOUND PLANNING HAS OCCURRED.

OUR QUESTIONS ARE PRESENTED IN ORDER OF THE RELEVANT AGENDA ITEM. WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT THROUGH THE DISCUSSION, MANY ANSWERS WILL FILTER TO THE FOREFRONT WHILE OTHER ANSWERS WILL BE FORTHCOMING WITH FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

A. AGENDA ITEM 3 - JUNE 29, 2022: MAY FINANCIAL REPORT

1. Question regarding the amount specified as May Expenses. According to the the Cash Flow Projection Report, Profit and Loss, etc., expenditures for May are identified as $ 34,318.

When looking at the Warrant Register, 26 warrants were written in May, and one County Fee was deducted for a total of $49,887.02. Is it possible to identify what items on the Warrant Register below were not considered expenses for the financials - and why?

05/02/2022	74001262	U.S. Bank Voyager Fuel Expense	367.00 59,202.12
05/02/2022	74001261	Amazon Capital Services, Inc. Supplies & Materials	295.28 58,906.84
05/02/2022	74001260	Mescal Lakes Water System, Inc. Utility Expense	76.44 58,830.40
05/02/2022	74001259	BANKCARD CENTER Visa Credit Card Payment	3,423.72 55,406.68
05/11/2022	74001271	NAPA Auto Parts Vehicle Supplies	175.35 55,231.33
05/11/2022	74001270	Verizon Telephone Expense	204.28 55,027.05
05/11/2022	74001269	Custom Fire Apparatus, Inc. 2-18 LT 12 V Reels	2,510.94 52,516.11
05/11/2022	74001268	ESO Solutions, Inc. Fire & EMS Google Maps Package	263.11 52,253.00
05/11/2022	74001267	United Fire Equipment Company SCBA Maintenance &..	3.12 52,249.88
05/11/2022	74001266	Municipal Accounts & Consulting, L.P. Bookkeeping Ex	887.18 51,362.70
05/11/2022	74001265	City of Benson Annual Dispatch Services	5,000.00 46,362.70
05/11/2022	74001264	U.S. Bank Voyager Fuel Expense	120.26 46,242.44
05/11/2022	74001263	Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. Utility	530.99 45,711.45
05/18/2022	74001280	San Pedro Valley Sanitation Utility Expense	48.00 45,663.45

05/18/2022	74001279	U.S. Bank Voyager Fuel Expense	427.91 45,235.54
05/18/2022	74001278	Lone Mountain Communications, LLC Radio Repair	544.80 44,690.74
05/18/2022	74001277	Witmer Public Safety Group Polo Shirts	513.67 44,177.07
05/18/2022	74001276	Lexipol LLC Training Materials	1,566.00 42,611.07
05/18/2022	74001275	Lexipol LLC Training Materials	1,566.00 41,045.07
05/18/2022	74001274	Levi Garner Training - Basic Wildland Class	500.00 40,545.07
05/18/2022	74001273	CenturyLink Telephone Expense	58.17 40,486.90
05/18/2022	74001272	Mescal-J6 Fire District Transfer to Payroll Account	15,000.00 25,486.90
05/23/2022	74001281	Viictory Media LLC Website Expense	200.00 25,286.90
05/25/2022	74001284	Mescal-J6 Fire District Transfer to Payroll Account	15,000.00 10,286.90
05/25/2022	74001283	Sparkletts & Sierra Springs Water Expense	2.18 10,284.72
05/25/2022	74001282	Marcella Kline-Green Office Cleaning Expense - May	80.00 10,204.72
05/27/2022		County Fee Cochise County Treasurer County Fee for Tax Collection	522.62 9,682.10

2. From the above Register, please explain for what purposes Warrants 1275 and 1276 were written on 5/18/22 to Lexipo, each for the amount of $1,566.00? Thought the $ 3,000 that they were paid at the beginning of this fiscal year was all that was owed.

3. From the above Register, Warrants 1272 (5/18/2022) and Warrant 1284 (5/25/2022) were each written to Mescal-J6 Fire District for $15,000 and subsequently deposited into the NBA Payroll Account. Who authorized the second warrant, there was no Board Action. The Board has only authorized the Chief to make one such transfer per month to cover current payroll liabilities. Did the Board authorize this strategy to cover the first three months of FY2023? If this money is not spent this fiscal year, how is Natalie going to account for it's use in several weeks? This is yet another example of the lack of transparency..... is this an attempt to hide surplus money from the County while also raising taxes?

4. Cash Flow Projection numbers indicate that approximately $64,000 IN REVENUE IS YET TO BE COLLECTED of which $11,000 is expected in June. Accounts were reconciled mid June - do register balances or other indicators suggest that the District may recoup the shortfall of $50,000?

How does accounting record money if late taxes are collected next year, will they be considered 2022-2023 Revenue or will 2021-2022 Revenue be adjusted?

5. NBA Payroll Account -

a. Does the deposit of the 2nd $15,000 need to be revisited - does it need to be returned to the Warrant Account before end of year closing?

b. The Payroll Account Register indicates Direct Deposits for 05/03, 05/17, 05/27, 5/31 - 4 different pay periods. This practice is in conflict with two District posted payroll policies. Perhaps these two policies need to receive top priority since payroll uses the biggest chunk of taxpayer money.

J-6 FIRE DISTRICT STANDARD OPERATING POLICY #060 and STANDARD OPERATING POLICY #063

I. PURPOSE To establish a pay schedule in order to comply with wage and hour regulations governing payment of wages and/or stipends,
II. SCOPE This policy applies to all members of the MJFD.
III. POLICY It is the policy of the MJFD that volunteer stipend payments shall be made on a monthly basis.
IV. GUIDELINES A. The payroll periods at MJFD are monthly; pay periods begin at midnight the 25th and end at 2359 hours on the 24th of the following month. Paychecks and direct deposits shall be distributed to members on the first day of the following month. B. Each member shall submit a Volunteer Log, detailing their incident response, coverage shifts, and training/ drills attended, by the 25th of each month. C. Each payday, members shall receive a statement or check stub reflecting the total stipends, any related deductions, and net pay. The following shall be automatically deducted: State, Federal, and Social Security taxes, member contributions to District benefit plans, uniform and/or other deductions as requested by the employee, and deductions as required by law or court order. D. A member paycheck shall be given only to the member unless prior written authorization is provided for it to be given to someone else. E. The member shall report any error with paychecks to their immediate supervisor, who shall ensure correction via the chain of command.

d. Also, has the action of redacting non-confidential information of names from the payroll financials been vetted by the District's legal counsel?

B. AGENDA ITEM 4 - JUNE 29, 2022 - CHIEF'S WRITTEN REPORT - not provided in Board Pak for review.

Does the Chief and Admin. activities indicate that the State Statute regarding the Call to Election has been adequately fulfilled? Can the information be posted on the Display Boards and the District Facebook Page?

C. AGENDA ITEM 5 - JUNE 29, 2022 - MEDICAL DIRECTION AGREEMENT:

Does Chief have preference and why? Are there benefits to switching? Have other Districts switched and what their Chief's comments?

Both documents seem to be boiler plate - are there known differences? Term period, are support services similar, do both include training, review of first care reports, etc. Does either hospital provide supplies, equipment to District under agreement?

Has an attorney for the District reviewed and checked Indemnification, termination/grievance process?

Do both hospitals have the same capacity to provide this service?

How do historical rankings of these hospitals compare?

2019 TUCSON, AZ (KOLD News 13) - The U.S. government recently released ratings for more than 4,500 hospitals across the country. Of 18 hospitals in or near Tucson (within 100 miles), ten received overall star ratings on the Medicare.gov Hospital Compare database. For the other eight facilities, overall star ratings were not calculated.

According to Medicare.gov, the most common overall hospital rating is three stars. (Source: Medicare.gov)
The overall hospital rating is awarded by stars. One star is the worst, with five being the best.
According to Medicare.gov, the overall hospital rating summarizes a variety of measures reflecting common conditions that hospitals treat, like heart attacks or pneumonia. The overall hospital rating shows how well each hospital performed, on average, compared to other hospitals in the U.S.
The website made note that hospitals may perform more complex services or procedures not reflected in the measures on the database.
Medicare.gov said the most common rating is three stars.
Overall hospital ratings for Southern Arizona facilities:
1 Star
- Canyon Vista Medical Center, Sierra Vista
3 Stars
- Tucson Medical Center, Tucson

D. ITEM 6 - END OF YEAR TRANSFER - Why only 1 Action Item - amount of transfer to Reserve Account? - WHERE IS THE ACTION ITEM FOR THE BOARD TO REVIEW AND PROVIDE GUIDANCE FOR THE EXITING PLAN THAT THE CHIEF MUST IMPLEMENT TO CLOSE FISCAL YEAR 2022? ARE YOU CONFIDENT THAT YOU UNDERSTAND THE NEW PROCESS/ AND HAVE VALIDATED THE SAFEGUARDS PUT IN PLACE TO KEEP THE DOORS OPENED UNTIL NOVEMBER WHEN THE NEXT TAX LEVY CONTRIBUTION ARRIVES? BOARD ACTION DURING THIS ITEM NEEDS TO PRODUCE DOCUMENTATION INDICATING THAT 5 ELECTED OFFICIALS SERIOUSLY HAD THE BEST INTERST AND SAFETY OF THE COMMUNITY IN MIND.

What deposits are planned for June - is the Chief planning on storing this year funds in the NBA account for FY 2023 Payroll? Is that legal, transparent, are those that have the ultimate responsibility in agreement?

Has this Board seen written documents indicating where money is being shifted, what final expenses have priority and are being made, what does

the Cash Flow projection look like starting only three days away? What Admin/Board research has been done to make sure the Credit Line can be immediately accessed if an emergency hits 5 days from now? Does the Board even know what the Credit Line threshold is for our District? Does the Board understand registering warrants or other actions that the County Treasurer can implement?

Does this Board know what to expect or how to deal with delinquent taxes that may be forth coming?

Does this Board truly understand how this carry over is to appear on the next year's budget that is being approved after the public hearing this evening? Do Board Actions conflict or support what was discussed in training?

E. ITEM 7 - RESOLUTION 2022-01 BILLING NON-RESIDENT EMERGENCY SERVICES

What was District's last revision? What is the year and source for Exhibit A? Do Elements reflect the most common incidents supported by District employees? DO MESCAL-J6 EMPLOYEES HAVE THE TRAINING AND CERTIFICATIONS TO ADEQUATELY DEAL WITH HAZMAT LEVEL 2 AND 3, FIRE INVESTIGATION TEAM, WATER INCIDENTS LEVEL 2, 3,?

F. ITEM 8 - REVISION TO JULY 28, 2021 MINUTES -

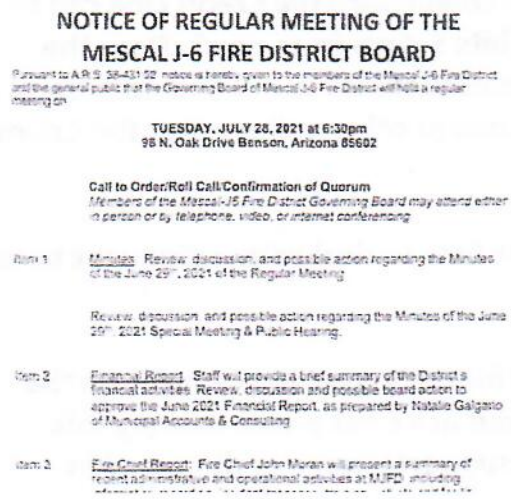
WHY IS THIS ACTION BEING TAKEN - IS IT RELATED TO THE CONVERSATION REGARDING THE JULY 28TH OPEN MEETING LAW VIOLATION CITED BY THE ARIZONA OMBUDSMAN IN THEIR FINAL REPORT AND A RECENT INQUIRY BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL? ONCE REVISED, HOW WILL THE TITLE INDICATE THE MINUTES HAVE BEEN AMENDED AND THE DATE OF AMENDMENT RECORDED?

THE CURRENT REVISION ADMIN. IS ASKING FOR IS INCOMPLETE - FOR GREATER TRANSPARENCY THE JULY 28TH MINUTES SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE A STATEMENT BY THE BOARDCHAIR MADE THAT EVENING AS TO WHY THIS BUSINESS ITEM WAS BEING ADDED: (Recording Excerpt attached to email.)

Boardchair Lee stated he was adding the Call to the Public to the meeting since the Board had approved returning it at the last business meeting.

AGENDA FOR JULY 28, 2021:

APPROVED MINUTES FOR JULY 28, 2021



NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE MESCAL J-6 FIRE DISTRICT BOARD

Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.02 notice is hereby given to the members of the Mescal J-6 Fire District and the general public that the Governing Board of Mescal J-6 Fire District will hold a regular meeting on

TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2021 at 6:30pm
98 N. Oak Drive Benson, Arizona 85602

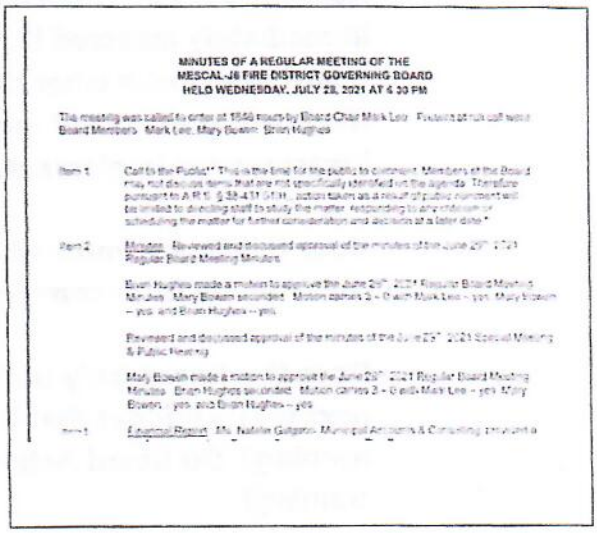
Call to Order/Roll Call/Confirmation of Quorum
Members of the Mescal J-6 Fire District Governing Board may attend either in person or by telephone, video, or internet conferencing

Item 1 Minutes: Review, discussion, and possible action regarding the Minutes of the June 29th, 2021 of the Regular Meeting

Review, discussion, and possible action regarding the Minutes of the June 29th, 2021 Special Meeting & Public Hearing.

Item 2 Financial Report: Staff will provide a brief summary of the District's financial activities. Review, discussion and possible board action to approve the June 2021 Financial Report, as prepared by Natalie Galgano of Municipal Accounts & Consulting

Item 3 Fire Chief Report: Fire Chief John Moran will present a summary of recent administrative and operational activities at MJFD, including



MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MESCAL J-6 FIRE DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD HELD WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 2021 AT 6:30 PM

The meeting was called to order at 1833 hours by Board Chair Mark Lee. Present at roll call were Board Members: Mark Lee, Mary Bowen, Brian Hughes

Item 1 Call to the Public** This is the time for the public to comment. Members of the Board may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01(H), action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date."

Item 2 Minutes: Reviewed and discussed approval of the minutes of the June 29th, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Brian Hughes made a motion to approve the June 29th, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Mary Bowen seconded. Motion carries 3 – 0 with Mark Lee – yes, Mary Bowen – yes, and Brian Hughes – yes.

Reviewed and discussed approval of the minutes of the June 29th, 2021 Special Meeting & Public Hearing

Mary Bowen made a motion to approve the June 29th, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Brian Hughes seconded. Motion carries 3 – 0 with Mark Lee – yes, Mary Bowen – yes, and Brian Hughes – yes

Item 3 Financial Report: Ms. Natalie Galgano, Municipal Accounts & Consulting, presented a

THIS IS NOT JUST A SIMPLE FIX OF AN OVERSIGHT. THE OLDER APPROVED JULY 28TH MINUTES REFLECTS THE PROCESS OF THE TIME. IF THE ACTION OF ADMIN IS SIMPLY TO FIX AN OVERSIGHT, THEN THEY ARE ALSO AWARE THERE ARE OTHER MINUTES THAT NEED TO BE SIMILARLY ADDRESSED.

WHO SPOKE AND BRIEF COMMENT REGARDING TOPIC ALSO NEEDS TO BE ADDED TO

a. August 25, 2021 MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 1833 hours by Board Chair Mark Lee. Present at roll call were Board Members: Mark Lee, Mary Bowen, Phyllis Ellis, Robert Murray, and Brian Hughes joined by telephone.

Item 1: Call to the Public** This is the time for the public to comment. Members of the Board may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01(H), action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date."

Item 2: Minutes: Reviewed and discussed approval of the minutes of the July 28th, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

b. September 29, 2021 MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 1834 hours by Board Chair Mark Lee. Present at roll call were Board Members: Mark Lee, Mary Bowen, Phyllis Ellis and Brian Hughes joined by telephone.

Item 1: Call to the Public** This is the time for the public to comment. Members of the Board may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01(H), action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the

matter, responding to any criticism or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date."

Item 2: Minutes: Reviewed and discussed approval of the minutes of the August 25th, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Sincerely,

Mary McCool, Chair J-6/Mescal CDO