



MINUTES OF THE PARKER FIRE DEPARTMENT DISTRICT FIRE BOARD

12/13/23-Open Meeting Minutes to be approved at the open public meeting on Wednesday January 17, 2024. An Open Meeting of the Parker Fire Board convened on December 13, 2023, at the Parker Fire District, located at 1101 W. Arizona Ave, Parker, AZ., 85344 that convened at 5:32 pm. The following matters were discussed at the Open Meeting.

Agenda Open Meeting

1. Call to Order/ Roll call: 5:32 pm.

Roll Call:

Members Present: *Chairman Josh Philipps, Board members Samantha Anderson, Amanda Weatherford, and Ron Simms.*

Personnel: *Chief Brian McMahan was present telephonically, Barbara Cole, Angie DeLeon, J. Weatherford, J. Holley, A. DeLeon, E. Foster.*

Public: *No Public present.*

2. **(Call the Public.** Consideration and discussion of comments from the public. *Those wishing to address the Parker Fire District Board need not request permission in advance Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01(H), the Fire District Board is not permitted to discuss or take an action on any item raised in the call to the public that is not specifically identified on the Agenda. However, individual Board members may be permitted to respond to criticism directed at them. Otherwise, the Board may direct that staff review the matter or ask that the matter be placed on a future agenda. Public input is limited to two (2) minutes unless a greater amount of time is approved by the Board. **The Fire District Board cannot discuss or take legal action on any issue raised during the Call to the Public that is not on the current Agenda; due to restrictions of the Open Meeting Law.***
No public comments

3. **Consent Agenda:** Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Consent Agenda Bill- 24-46 to approve the following:

a: Minutes submitted for Open Meeting held on 11/15/2023.

b: Acceptance of monthly expense reports for 11/01/2023 – 11/30/2023.

A motion was made by Samantha Anderson to approve Consent Agenda Bill 24-46, along with a second from Ron Simms.

Ayes: Simms, Anderson, Philipps, and Weatherford.

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain:

Chairman Josh Philipps: Motion passed by a unanimous vote on agenda item #3.

4. (Discussion & Possible Action): Board decision to elect new officers of the Parker Fire Board for the New Year starts January 2024.
A motion was made by board member Amanda Weatherford to appoint Samantha Anderson as the board chairman. A motion was made by Samantha Anderson to appoint Amanda Weatherford as the board secretary, beginning January 2024.
Ayes: Simms, Anderson, Philipps, and Weatherford.
Nayes:
Absent:
Abstain:
Chairman Josh Philipps: Motion passed by a unanimous vote on agenda item #4.
5. (Discussion & Possible Action) to Approve Agenda Bill 24-47 to approve the budgeting calendar as provided.
A motion was made by Ron Simms to approve Agenda Bill 24-47, along with a second from Samantha Anderson.
Ayes: Simms, Anderson, Philipps, and Weatherford.
Nayes:
Absent:
Abstain:
Chairman Josh Philipps: Motion passed by a unanimous vote on agenda item #5.
6. (Discussion): (Per request from Board Member Philipps) regarding the Sheriff's office discontinuing dispatch services for Parker FD.
Chairman Josh Philipps reported that the sheriff's office fiscal year ends in July and that they are going to be switching over to a new system. Chairman Josh Philipps stated that he was told that the sheriff's office has been footing the bill for Parker Fire and wanted to know how that would affect us. Chairman Philipps also reported that CRIT will be starting their own dispatch and that they want to encompass the entire Parker area. Chairman Philipps asked what the plan is so that they can all get on board. Chief Brian McMahan stated that he hasn't heard anything. Chief McMahan reported that the sheriff's office has an agreement with the county that they would dispatch for the entire county for free. Chief McMahan stated that he met with the dispatch supervisor recently and that she didn't mention anything to him. Chief McMahan reported that the sheriff's office and CRIT received some grants and that they are remodeling the dispatch center. Chief McMahan also reported that the state E-911 system gives money to the dispatch center that dispatches them. Chairman Josh Philipps stated that he spoke to someone in the sheriffs office, and he confirmed that this will happen in the next couple of months. Chairman Philipps stated that he was unable to speak to the sheriff about this because he was out of the office. Chief McMahan stated that he would be surprised if they changed because it would create more expense and that they would lose money for the different agencies.
7. Chairman's Report:
Barbara Cole reported that the AFDA Conference will be January 10 – 12th in Laughlin, Nevada, if any board members wanted to attend, also that Parker Fire had received a letter from Attorney Bill Wittington advising of a new law that states that the meeting place building needs to be open to the public 15 minutes before the meeting.
Board Member Amanda Weatherford thanked those that helped decorate the engine for the Christmas parade and thanked Jake and his family for providing food and helping to decorate the fire department.

- a: Ask Board Members for *items to be considered for inclusion on the next agenda.*
- b. Schedule the next Regular Session.

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8. Fire Chief's Report:

A: Summary of Incident Report/Activity Log

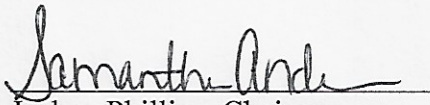
B: Monthly Activities

C: Other

Chief Brian McMahan reported that the advanced EMT class is still moving forward at AWC and that the class times will be Monday through Friday 9 -5. He also reported that the EMT class will be held on Monday and Wednesday evening and Saturday all day and that all 3 full time personnel will be attending the advanced EMT class. Chief McMahan reported that Parker Fire did not receive the SAFER Grant and that no one in Arizona did. Chief McMahan reported that funding did not make it to us for the generator, so we did not get funded. Chief McMahan reported that the sheriff's office received additional money for their SWAT team and that they have 2 large mobile generators that they are willing to house at our department that we could use if they are big enough. Chief McMahan stated that this is not a long-term solution but could be a short-term solution.

Chief McMahan reported that EWS told them that they had sent out a check for Parker Fire and that they have some discrepancies with the Buckskin Fire bill. Chief McMahan also reported that the Town of Parker doesn't believe that they are responsible for accidents on the highway.

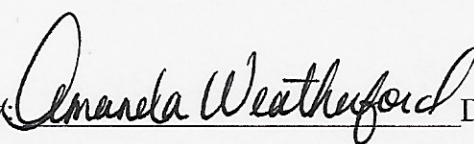
9. Adjourn. 6:11pm


Joshua Phillips, Chairman

Date: 1/17/24

Angie DeLeon
Administrative Assistant

Date: 12/14/2023

Minutes approved by:  Date: 1/17/24

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