

**MINUTES
SUN CITY FIRE DISTRICT
WORKSHOP MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2021
9:30 A.M.**

CALL TO ORDER: David Mann, Chairman

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: David Mann, Tim Wilmes (via Zoom), Phil LaBarbera, Steve Arnold, David VanderNaalt

Members Absent: None

Staff: Chief Mark Burdick, Assistant Fire Chief Rob Schmitz, Fire Marshal Jim Fox, Finance Director Gabe Buldra, Office Manager Lisa Neubert

BUSINESS CONDUCTED: The Committees of the Board discussed various matters within their areas of responsibility.

I. Legal and Insurance

- A. No legal or insurance items brought forward for discussion.

II. Budget and Finance

- A. Chief Burdick asked that the discussion item of moving the levied tax rate from \$3.24 to \$3.25 for FY2022 be removed as the legislative item prompting discussion is now a non-issue.

III. Fire Department Operations

- A. No fire department operation items brought forward for discussion.

IV. Ambulance Operations

- A. Chief Schmitz gave an overview of the state of the current ambulance fleet. Due to the age and increasing maintenance costs for reserve ambulance units the District should consider the purchase of a new ambulance. Chief Schmitz asked that this item be placed on the May 25, 2021 board agenda for discussion and possible action. He is working on getting quotes for the cost of a new

ambulance, which he projects to be approximately \$200,000. This cost does not include the cost of the Stryker gurney lift equipment, which is approximately an additional \$40,000.

- B. Chief Burdick discussed the option of balancing billing for ambulance transports that having a remaining balance after being billed to Medicare and/or private insurance. This could bring in an approximate additional \$150,000 to \$200,000 in revenue.

V. Grounds and Equipment

- A. No grounds or equipment items brought forward for discussion.

VI. Special Projects

- A. Gabe Buldra gave an update on pension bond possibilities. He stated that the District has no capacity in the budget to pay for the debt servicing. He is reviewing other options and scenarios for presentation at the June 2021 board meeting.

VII. Executive Session

- A. No executive session items for brought forward for discussion.

VIII. Adjournment

- A. The meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

FOR THE BOARD

Tim Wilmes

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Clerk of the Board
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