

*Peeples Valley Fire District
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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES
Regular Meeting Minutes from Wednesday, July 21, 2021**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by **Judy Garner, President**, at 4:01 PM.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The pledge was led by **Frazier Mayer**.
3. **ROLL CALL OF BOARD:** **Judy Garner, Wayne Keller, Phil Lobeck. Dave Schroedl and Nancy Tschikof** were absent.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes of the Regular Session of 06-16-2021.

A motion was made by **Wayne Keller** to approve the minutes from the 06-16-2021 Board Meeting.

Seconded: Phil Lobeck

Ayes: Judy Garner, Wayne Keller, Phil Lobeck

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

5. **CALL TO PUBLIC:** Members of the community in attendance: **Lori Bomar, Shawn Bomar, Greg Carr, Scott Mayer, Neil Rifenburg, Lew Theokas, Marcie Theokas.** **Neil Rifenburg** thanked **Chief Bomar** for his invitation to attend the PVFD Board meeting. **Lew Theokas** reported the following results of Community Risk Assessments to date: 385 parcels in the community; 25 with structures; 11 empty lots; 3 need mitigation.

6. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Fire Chief's Report:

❖ Number of Calls:

Month	Number of EMS Calls	Number of Fire Calls	Number of MVA* Calls	Mutual Aid EMS/Fire	Public Assist
June	6	3	0	0	0
July**	5	1	1	0	0

*MVA - Motor Vehicle Accident

**Numbers for the current month are up to the date of the Board Meeting.

- ❖ Grants: PVFD was awarded the AZDFFM Hazardous Fuels Grant. Continuing Safer Grant with Southern Yavapai Fire. AFG Grant for Fuels Reduction Equipment still pending. PAWUIC Title Three Grant Awarded. Arizona Community Foundation Grant for communications is still pending.
- ❖ Personnel/Training: Currently have 19 volunteers (6 of which are EMTs). One engine, the tactical tender, and 6 personnel are currently out on wildfires. Training continues at 10 hours of in-person and 4 hours of on-line.
- ❖ Irwin Status: 5 are available.
- ❖ Apparatus/Equipment: All apparatus and equipment are operational.
- ❖ Wildfire Mitigation: Mitigation efforts are being conducted on private property. Due to severe fire danger, the Mitigation Crew are restricted from using any motorized equipment.
- ❖ Water Resources Along Highway 89: The installation of dry hydrant at Hidden Springs is pending.
- ❖ Additional Hydrants. Once the two new hydrants get installed, a new ISO status will be requested by the PVFD.

B. Financial Report: The financials were not available.

C. Correspondence received by the Board: The following correspondence was received:

1. The new Workman's compensation policy was received.

D. Auxiliary Report: **Marcie Theokas** reported the following: The Chili and Bingo Night will be held on 10-23-2021 at the Model Creek School. The Trail Ride will be on 04-22-23, 2022, with meals provided by the Auxiliary.

7. BUSINESS

A. Discussion/possible action to approve the June 2021 Treasurer's report. No report was available.

B. Discussion/possible action to approve Warrant Requests including stipend checks and regularly budgeted items.

- **Phil Lobeck** made a motion to approve the Warrant Requests including stipend checks and regularly budgeted items.
- **Seconded: Wayne Keller**
- **Ayes: Judy Garner, Wayne Keller, Phil Lobeck**
- **Nays: 0**
- **Abstain: 0**

- C. Discussion/possible action re: placement of an additional communication tower site. **Chief Bomar** reported that he has reached out to the owner of the property about the potential placement of the tower. The fabricator has not yet provided the costs. No action to be taken at this time.
- D. Discussion/possible action to approve a raise for the Fire Chief.
- **Phil Lobeck** made a motion to raise the Fire Chief's monthly salary to \$1,250.00.
 - **Seconded:** Wayne Keller
 - **Ayes:** Judy Garner, Wayne Keller, Phil Lobeck
 - **Nays:** 0
 - **Abstain:** 0
- E. Discussion/possible action to update the PFVD website. **Dr. Grey** and **Chief Bomar** are still working on this. A proposed blueprint for the new website can be viewed on <https://highlandfire.org/>. The cost of the new website is \$3,800.00 and should be completed in September 2021.
- F. Discussion/possible action to approve purchase of additional fuels reduction equipment. **Chief Bomar** noted the following: A grant already has been awarded to cover existing fuels reduction equipment. Approval is requested to purchase additional equipment up to \$50,000 and this would include the equipment and salaries of the individuals to operate the equipment.
- **Judy Garner** noted whereas PVFD has received AZ State Fuels Reduction Grant to maintain existing fuels reduction equipment.
 - Be it resolved that the PVFD Board authorizes **Chief Bomar** to obtain a BC100 chipper, an additional half-ton pick up for use on homeowner's fuels reduction efforts, and a 2-ton truck for use on AZ State Fuels Reduction and any upgrades needed for these units up to \$50,000.00. (Resolution 20210721 7. F.)
 - **Seconded:** Phil Lobeck
 - **Ayes:** Judy Garner, Wayne Keller, Phil Lobeck
 - **Nays:** 0
 - **Abstain:** 0

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS; UPCOMING MEETING DATE

- A. New Business Agenda Item Requests for next Regular, Workshop and Other Meetings.
- B. The next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 08-18-2021, at 4:00 PM.

9. ADJOURNMENT: Judy Garner adjourned the meeting at 5:08 PM.

Submitted by: Frazier Mayer, Scribe