

Mormon Lake Fire District Board Meeting

January 16, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to order By Chairperson Lewis at 10:00am**
2. **Roll Call** – Chairperson Lewis, Clerk Haupricht, Member Verdino via Teams, Member Nahass via Teams, Member Morgenthal, Chief Western all present
3. **Call to the Public** - *NO PUBLIC COMMENT*
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - A. December 19, 2023, Meeting Minutes- *Motion to approve by Chairperson Lewis, Seconded by Clerk Haupricht, All member present voted AYE; Motion Passed;*
5. **Finance**
 - A. Financial Report- *Several bills are being paid later than normal due to the change in mail issues with the closing of the local post office. It was asked about autopay and we need to have a warrant approved by the county for each bill. Motion to approve by Clerk Haupricht, Seconded by Member Morgenthal, All members present voted AYE; Motion Passed;*
6. **Reports & Correspondence**
 - A. Department Report and Correspondence- *Presented by Chief Western Highlighting a few things in the report; Incident run numbers are added from previous meeting to current meeting on the report; Motion to approve by Clerk Haupricht, Seconded by Member Morgenthal; All members present voted AYE; Motion Passed;*
7. **Topics of Discussion and Possible Action**
 - A. Approval of Station Snow Equipment- *Chief Western presented the invoice for the snow fence and gutters on the rear of the station for approval. Chairperson Lewis made a motion to approve the equipment; Seconded by Clerk Haupricht; All members present voted AYE; Motion Passed.*
 - B. COLA Raise 3.4 percent- *Chief Western presented the State of Arizona raised minimum wage effective January 1st. This amounts to a 3.4 percent raise from our current base pay, therefore we should raise the our pay scale 3.4 percent; Clerk Haupricht made a motion to raise the wages for our hourly employees by 3.4 percent; Seconded by Member Morgenthal; Four members voted AYE; Member Verdino voted NAY stating that we needed to raise wages higher. Motion Passed.*
 - C. Chief spending limit to \$6500.00- *Chief Western is currently able to spend \$3500 without prior board approval, This amount was established 5 years ago. With inflation he is requesting the limit be moved to \$6500. Discussion took place and a motion was made to increase the spending limit to \$5000.00 by Clerk Haupricht; Seconded by Member Morgenthal; All members present voted AYE; Motion Passed.*
 - D. Review Fire Chief Calendar and Fire Board Task Calendar; identify potential items for next month's agenda. *Audit Review, Motion made to move the February meeting to the 20th by Chairperson Lewis; Seconded by Member Haupricht; All members present voted AYE; Motion Passed.*
8. **Fire Board Comments** – *Website needs to update with old meeting information; Plowing of snow needs to be better coordinated and not taken from the individual that normally takes care of this for the department. Do we need to consider the future hiring of individuals; Chief Western will create a hiring plan soon.*
9. **Adjournment** *Member Haupricht made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Member Morgenthal.*
10. **Meeting Adjourned at 11:08am**