

## Minutes of August 20, 2024 Meeting

The Fire Board of the Sherwood Forest Estates Fire District met in Regular session on August 20, 2024 at 6:00 PM. Meeting was held at the fire house at 450 Little John Road, Williams, Arizona. The following topics and any variables thereto, were subject to Board consideration, discussion, approval, or other action.

**1. Call to order** – At 5:04 PM

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Roll Call** – Board Members Steve Diefenderfer, Paul Cook, Rodger Anderson, Debra Hamby and Walt Krushinsky were present along with Chief McDowell and Asst. Chief Pruett.

**4. Approval of Minutes** – August 20, 2024 Board Meeting: Walt K. made a motion to accept the minutes and Paul C. seconded. The Board voted unanimously to accept.

**5. Treasurer's Report** - Review of August 20, 2024 check detail. Paul C. made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Walt K. seconded. Board voted unanimously to accept.

**6. Reports**

**a. Correspondence** – Paul C. responded online to the County Recorder asking if we were having any elections for the March, 2025. We are not.

**b. Auxiliary** – Tina **Johnson** reminded the board and audience that the Auxiliary was having their annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup> from 8:00-10:00AM at the Firehouse. All proceeds benefit the fire department. She also reported that the Auxiliary currently has \$2600 in their coffers.

**c. Fire Chief** – Chief McDowell reported four incidences in the last month. Three were medical and one report of smoke.

Nine department vehicles are in-service. Trailer 10 is out-of-service.

Department volunteers put in 40 hrs. of training.

Chief McDowell attended AFDA, the area's PAC meeting, our Neighborhood Watch and the local chiefs' C3 meetings.

The fire department's consortium card has been approved.

Four members of the fire department signed up and paid for the Arizona State Fire School. Scholarship applications have been submitted. Volunteers Rask, Hardcastle, McDowell and Lomeli will attend the training in September. (?)

The Board finalized the renewal contract with Securis.

***(For more detail see Chief McDowell's report on the fire district's website)***

**d. Board Report - None**

**e. POA** –The annual Chili Cookoff will be held on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30-6:00PM at the Firehouse.

**7. Old Business.** – The Treasurer requested a new printer for his official work. Debra H. made a motion that the board approve the request and Paul C. seconded. Steve D., Paul C., Walt K. and Debra H. voted to approve the request. Rodger A. disapproved.

**8. New Business** – The Board decided to table the discussion of the County Attorney's services until the next regular meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

Paying for out-of-district trainings for volunteers. The board decided that this is a matter to be left to the Chief's discretion.

**9. Call to the Public** – Kathy Krushinsky reported many improvements to the Moonset Pit grounds. She presented data for usage of the pit for natural debris from owners' properties as of August 10<sup>th</sup>: Number of participants from SFE and MRRE – 537; Number of participants from Parks and other areas – 266; Number of acres cleaned – 2,358; Number of hours worked – 7,151; Cubic yards brought to the pit – 8,615; Number of return trips by users – 572.

**10. Adjournment** – Rodger A. made a motion to adjourn and Walt K. seconded. Board voted unanimously to accept and the meeting adjourned at 6:08 PM.

**Next meeting date September 17, 2024 at 5 PM.**



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## CHIEF'S REPORT AUGUST 20<sup>TH</sup> 2024

### ACTIVITY:

- Incidents since last Board Meeting:
  - 7/18/24 Medical call
  - 7/25/24 Medical call
  - 7/28/24 smoke check, no emergency, legal burning
  - 8/19/24 Medical call

### EQUIPMENT:

- Apparatus Update:
  - Engine 1 (in service)
  - FR10 (in service)
  - Tender 4 (in service)
  - Tender 5 (in service) Breaks adjusted and repaired
  - Tender 8 (in service)
  - Brush 6 (in service)
  - Brush 11 (in service)
  - Excursion (in service)
  - Trailer 10 (out of service)
  - Tundra- In service, registered and title filled
- Station
  - Emergency Power- working properly
  - Septic repair. Parts re-ordered, Functioning.

**TRAINING:** Bi-monthly (3 trainings) training continued: 7/26/24 – 6 department members in attendance- 2 hours, Trained on new tools, Snake stick and lock out kit. Distributed new ID cards. 8/7/24- 4 department members 1.5 hours, Donning and Doffing gear. Apparatus familiarization. 8/13/24 6 department members 2 hours, Scott pack and mask familiarization, gear checks, locker clean up

- Volunteered Hours- 40, Does not include paid personnel hours



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## **DISTRICT NOTES:**

- Fire danger Moderate, No fire restrictions
- Chief McDowell attended AFDA
- Approved for consortium card. Working out details. Still on going
- 4 members signed up and paid for Arizona State Fire School in September, Rask, Hardcastle, McDowell, and Lomeli Scholarship application filled on and submitted.
- Multiple patrols after multiple lightning strikes in district during recent storms.
- Updated information and contract with VFIS
- Installed more steps on the back of Brush 11
- McDowell attended PAC meeting
- McDowell attended Neighborhood watch meeting
- McDowell attended C3 meeting with local chiefs
- MES yearly SCBA pack inspection complete.
- Mask fit testing Completed for interior structure firefighters
- Cleaning up Building #1 continued
- Purchased a roll out decked system for future command vehicle, heavily discounted of Facebook marketplace
- New department cell phone, free and updated Verizon business contact information
- Finalized renewal contract with Securis
- Hardcastle and McDowell went to Phoenix to finalize purchase on future command vehicle
- Received 3 sections of 1.75 inch hose, 2 sections of 2.5 inch hose, concrete saw, and a structure helmet donation from Gary Norton via L.N. Curtis and Sons

**CARE FOR EACH OTHER**

**SUBMITTED BY:**

**MATTHEW MCDOWELL, FIRE CHIEF**

**SHERWOOD FOREST ESTATES FIRE DISTRICT**