

Minutes of September 17, 2024 Meeting

The Fire Board of the Sherwood Forest Estates Fire District met in Regular session on September 17, 2024 at 5:00 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** @ 5:03 PM

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Roll Call** – Steve Diefenderfer, Paul Cook, Rodger Anderson and Walt Krushinsky, (Debra Hamby was absent), Chief McDowell and Brie McDowell

4. **Approval of Minutes** – August 20, 2024 Board Meeting. Paul C. made a motion to accept the minutes and Rodger A. seconded. All Board members present voted to accept the minutes.

5. **Treasurer's Report** - Review of August, 2024 check detail. Walt K. made a motion to accept the report and Rodger A. seconded. All Board members present voted to accept the report.

6. **Reports**

a. **Correspondence** – (See “Old Business”)

b. **Auxiliary** – Rhonda Galle has taken over the Presidency of the fire dept's Auxiliary.

c. **Fire Chief** – There was one medical call. The dept. has responded to 27 calls this year.

Nine vehicles are in service. The new Tundra has its pull-out deck and camper shell installed and has been delivered to Upfitter for flashing lights and decals.

Four volunteers attended State Fire School; Firefighter Hardcastle took part in Fire Fundamentals and Firefighters Rask and Lomeli took Smoke Plus training. A scholarship was applied for and approved. Chief McDowell was invited to, and attended the New Chiefs' Seminar. Training of volunteers totaled 110.5 hrs.

Chief McDowell thanked all Auxiliary members for their efforts in making the Pancake Breakfast a success.

There will be a community meeting on October 7 at 6:30 PM at the Firehouse to go over the fire dept's strategic plan.

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

d. **Board Report** - None

e. **POA** – Jeanna Roush is the new President of the POA.

7. **Old Business.** – A vote was taken to accept the County Attorney’s Office as the department’s legal advisor. Rodger A. made a motion to accept and Paul C. seconded the motion. All present Board members voted to accept. A formal form was passed around for Board members’ signatures and will be returned to the County Attorney’s Office by Paul C.

8. **New Business** – Someone was reported to be firing a firearm in the neighborhood. If this happens again, residents are requested to call the Sheriff’s Dept. with as much info as they can provide.

More than two Board members may attend the Strategic meeting described in the Chief’s Report above, as residents, but may not discuss it among themselves without an agenda being prepared.

9. **Call to the Public** – Kathy Krushinsky reported on the season totals for the Moon Set Pit natural debris disposal in the 2024 season: Between May 4th and September 7th, 567 residents (multiple trips/days) of SFE and MRRE made use of the pit. Parks and others, 307. Number of acres cleared was 2,587 and number of hours worked was 7,662. Number of cubic yards of debris was 9,014. A thank you lunch was provided for all volunteers that worked the pit.

Cathy Cook offered information on the prevalence of mice this season. **Atomic Pest Control** will come out to your residence and inspect it for ways mice are getting into our homes. This inspection costs \$100 followed by a written proposal on how to secure your home from rodents. If interested, their phone number is: **928-526-0168**.

Jud Swearingen reported that 300 gallons of gas was stolen from the Parks filling station.

10. **Adjournment** – Rodger A. made a motion to adjourn and Walt K. seconded. The Board voted and the meeting was adjourned at 5:26 PM.

Next meeting date is October 15, 2024 at 5 PM.



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CHIEF'S REPORT SEPTEMBER 17TH 2024

ACTIVITY:

- Incidents since last Board Meeting:
 - 9/2/24 medical call 27 calls year to date

EQUIPMENT:

- Apparatus Update:
 - Engine 1 (in service)
 - FR10 (in service)
 - Tender 4 (in service)
 - Tender 5 (in service)
 - Tender 8 (in service)
 - Brush 6 (in service) needs 4wd hubs serviced
 - Brush 11 (in service)
 - Excursion (in service)
 - Trailer 10 (out of service)
 - Tundra- pull out deck installed, Camper shell purchased and installed. Taken to upfitter for lights and decal install
- Station
 - Emergency Power- working properly
 - Septic repair. Parts re-ordered, Functioning.

TRAINING: Bi-monthly training continued: 8/24/24 – 6 department members and one guest in attendance- 1.5 hours, Trained on building construction and tactics. 9/5/24-9/8/24 - 4 department members attended state fire school, Hardcastle- Firefighter fundamentals, Rask and Lomeli- Smoke plus, McDowell- New chiefs' seminar

- Volunteered Hours- 110.5, Does not include paid personnel hours



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DISTRICT NOTES:

- Fire danger Moderate, No fire restrictions
- Pancake breakfast. Thank you to all volunteers
- Approved for consortium card. Working out details. Still on going
- Issues with superior propane
- Strategic plan, community meeting set for October 7th at 6:30 pm.
- 4 members attended fire school. Scholarship application filled out and APPROVED

CARE FOR EACH OTHER

SUBMITTED BY:

MATTHEW MCDOWELL, FIRE CHIEF

SHERWOOD FOREST ESTATES FIRE DISTRICT