

**Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Clarkdale Fire District
Held April 30, 2008**

A Special meeting of the Clarkdale Fire District Board of Directors was held on April 30, 2008 at 7:00p.m.at the Clarkdale Fire District Station #21, 895 First South Street, Clarkdale, Arizona.

Board of Directors:

Jim Elmer, Chairman

Seth Murphy, Clerk

Fred Hayman, Boardmember

Staff:

Joe Moore, Interim Fire Chief

Joyce Driscoll, Administrative Assistant

Others Present: None.

CALL TO ORDER. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board Chairman Elmer.

ROLL CALL. All board members were present.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC. No public comment.

FY 2008-2009 PRELIMINARY BUDGET – Discussion and direction to staff regarding the 2008-2009 preliminary budget. Interim Fire Chief Moore reviewed the following items:

- New line items being added the budget
- Line items which have increased since the Board last reviewed the draft budget.
- Capital purchases proposed.
- Funds to be reserved for future capital needs.

Discussion included the following:

- Replacing the Chief's car, an old police vehicle, as it is not reliable.
- Including Hepatitis B shots with the personnel physicals.
- Some of the protective clothing being past the recommended time frame for use and the need for them to be replaced.
- Including funds for ladder testing, which has not been done as needed.
- Need for a new LP12 monitor which costs \$27,000.
- Need for a treadmill that meets fitness testing standards.
- Planning for large items needed in future, i.e. first-out engine due for replacement, land acquisition for future station as the current station is not owned by the district and it will become inadequate for our needs.

Interim Fire Chief Moore shared projections of dropping the Mil rate for 08/09 and projections of future growth. Discussion included the following:

- Lowering the Mil rate to 1.5823 from the current 1.6346.
- That the current rate of 1.6346 is already the lowest in Yavapai County for Fire Districts.

- The 09/10 property evaluations are expected to decrease.
- Not wanting to borrow funds for capital improvements so tax payers are not paying interest.
- The desire to still merge with other districts in the future.
- The difficulty of projecting income for future years since it depends on the County Assessor.
- That unlike schools, fire districts do not bond for improvements.
- The need to continue to be fiscally responsible since we are here for the public.
- Purchasing a used vehicle for the Chief’s car.

The Board directed staff to proceed with developing the budget with a reduced Mil rate of 1.5823.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – A listing of items to be placed on a future agenda. No future agenda items were listed.

ADJOURNMENT - With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Jim Elmer, Chairman

Date

Seth Murphy, Clerk

Date