

MINUTES OF TONTO BASIN FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Regular Session
December 19, 2024

Call to Order: This regular session Board Meeting was called to order at 0928 hours by Chairman John France at Tonto Basin Fire Station #1, 46189 N AZ Highway 188, Tonto Basin, AZ.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Chairman John France.

Roll Call of Board Members: The following Board Members were present: Chairman John France, Clerk Debra “Deb” Morris, Secretary/Treasurer Robert Cooper, Board Member Clifford “Cliff” Metz, and Board Member Brian Nail.

Also Present: Chief James Stoltenberg.

Captain Jim Lavery and Firefighters Garrett Stallings and Chris Williamson.

Firefighters Todd Spitzer, Trystan McBlane, and Thomas Young via Teams.

Ben Archer-Clowes “Ben” with James Vincent Group (JVG).

Awards & Recognition: Chief Stoltenberg presented some employee awards which included:

- Volunteer of the Year Award which was awarded to Captain Jim Lavery.
- Community Service Member Award which was awarded to Todd Spitzer.
- Firefighter of the Year Award which was awarded to Brandi Morris.

The Chief also recognized and thanked all of the other District employees for their dedication and work to the Fire District. The Board also thanked and congratulated everyone for their hard work and to a year well done.

Reading and Approval of the November 21, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes: Following the review of the regular session meeting minutes from November 21, 2024, a motion to approve the minutes was duly made by Board Member Deb Morris and seconded by Board Member Brian Nail. Meeting minutes were unanimously approved and adopted.

Reports and Correspondence: The Chief’s Report was presented by Chief Stoltenberg. Discussions ensued on the items as presented. Ben presented the financial reports with the following ending balances as of 11/30/2024:

National Bank:	\$ 79,115.69
Warrant Account:	\$ 736,022.70
Capital Reserve Account:	\$ 343,990.32

Following discussions on the Chief’s and Financial Reports a motion was duly made to accept both reports as presented by Board Member Cliff Metz and seconded by Board Member Deb Morris. The vote to accept both reports was unanimous.

Call to the Public on Agenda items: None

Discussion/Information and Action: Proceeded regarding a review of the progress on the potential property purchase at Station 2 as presented by Chief Stoltenberg. At present the Chief is waiting to get a survey completed. Once that is finalized then further negotiations can continue. There was no action taken on this item and it will be tabled for a future Board Meeting.

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Call to the Public on Non-Agenda items: Chairman John France noted that going forward the Tonto Basin Fire District Board Meetings will be held the 3rd Thursday of each month at 0930 hours. This will be posted in the required locations per the 2025 Annual Disclosure Statement that will be provided to Gila County in January 2025.

Board Clerk Deb Morris noted that she had done some research on the old Station 1 building in regards to the request the VFW made for the potential to lease the location. The old Station 1 is located within the flood plain which might create a problem in acquiring permits to improve the building and site. Deb has reached out to the County to explore this but has not received a return call as of now. No action was taken on this subject.

Chief Stoltenberg highlighted the fact that the community cleanup at Station 96 in Roosevelt will occur on January 18, 2025 from 8 a.m. – noon.

Chairman John France thanked the Board and all Fire Department employees for their service during 2024.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Board a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Board Member Cliff Metz and seconded by Board Member Brian Nail. The vote to adjourn was unanimously adopted and the meeting adjourned at 1045 hours.