

*Drexel Heights Fire District*  
5030 S. Camino Verde, Tucson, AZ 85735

Regular Board Meeting  
July 27, 2018

I. Call to Order

Board Chair Bertrand called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

**Board Members present: James Bertrand, Gary Bynum, Laura Dailey, and Charles Mendonca.** With four Board Members attending, a quorum is established.

**Board Members Absent:** Charles Zang

Staff Members present: Douglas Chappell, Fire Chief / District Administrator; Dane Crouse, Division Chief – Operations and Dennis Stiegleiter, Fire Marshal.

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes

***Move to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 22, 2018 by Ms. Dailey, second by Mr. Mendonca, motion approved. (4-0)***

V. Call to the Public – Comments and Questions

None

VI. Report from the Fire Chief

Chief Chappell provided a written report which is hereby made a part of these minutes.

Mr. Bertrand asked what an ALTA Survey is. Chief Chappell indicated it is a type of property survey which is needed for the title policy and closing on the purchase of the Cardinal property.

Ms. Dailey asked how the walk-thru of the Cardinal property went. Chief Chappell reported that the owners are making good progress on getting the building cleared out and the walk-thru afforded the architect the opportunity to evaluate the structure.

VII. Pending Business

- A. Discussion and possible action to approve Accounts Payable 01 – 19 dated July 27, 2018, and the monthly financial report for the period ending June 30, 2018.

Ms. Dailey asked who the vendor DOWL is. Chief Chappell indicated that DOWL was the firm that did the ALTA survey for the Cardinal property.

***Move to approve Accounts Payable 01– 19 dated July 27, 2018, and the monthly financial report for the period ending June 30, 2018 by Mr. Bertrand, second by Mr. Bynum, motion approved. (4-0)***

- B. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution 2018 – 14 which declares August as “Drowning Impact Awareness Month” in the District. Chief Chappell reported that Manager Koslowski has requested that the District adopt this Resolution in recognition of the importance of the issue and to spread awareness of the impact of drowning and how it can be prevented.

***Move to adopt Resolution 2018 – 14 which declares August as “Drowning Impact Awareness Month” in the District by Mr. Bertrand, second by Mr. Mendonca, motion approved. (4-0)***

- C. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Fire Chief to purchase a 2007 Pierce Enforcer Pumper to replace Shop 9001, a reserve pumper and upgrade of the unit to District specifications. Chief Chappell indicated that District staff has been working for a couple of years to locate a suitable replacement pumper for Shop 9001, and that the replacement purchase was deferred several times due to grant opportunities but replacement is now critical. Chief Chappell indicated that in addition to the purchase of the unit, the unit will be shipped and certain repairs and upgrades will be made to the unit to insure it meets District specifications.

***Move to authorize the Fire Chief to purchase and upgrade a 2007 Pierce Enforcer Pumper by Mr. Bertrand, second by Ms. Dailey, motion approved. (4-0)***

- D. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution 2018 – 15 which authorizes the annexation of the Vahalla Estates subdivision as described in the request for annexation. Chief Chappell reported that Richmond American Homes is developing a new subdivision in the area of Vahalla and Valencia which includes 65 residential lots

and common space. Chief Chappell noted that thirteen of those residential lots have already been sold so they are excluded from this annexation and will be addressed separately. Chief Chappell noted that the subdivision is within the District boundaries and meets all of the requirements for annexation.

***Move to adopt Resolution 2018 – 15 which authorizes the annexation of the Vahalla Estates subdivision as described in the request for annexation by Mr. Bertrand, second by Mr. Bynum, motion approved. (4-0)***

VIII. Future Agenda Items

No items were offered by the Board. Chief Chappell indicated that he would invite retired Firefighter Schlenker for his plaque presentation and if Mr. Benavidez is available the discussion concerning social media can continue. Chief Chappell also is waiting for a Base Hospital Agreement from St. Mary's.

IX. Adjournment

***Move to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Bertrand, second by Mr. Bynum, motion approved. (3-1, Mr. Bynum dissenting)*** Mr. Bertrand adjourned the meeting at 9:12 a.m.

**Submitted by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Gary Bynum, Clerk of the Board

Next Scheduled Meeting: Friday, August 24, 2018, 9:00 a.m.  
5030 S. Camino Verde, Tucson, AZ (Classroom)