

**Drexel Heights Fire District
Regular Board Meeting
June 11, 2010
9:00 a.m.
5030 S. Camino Verde
(Classroom)**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes (May 14, 2010)
- V. Call to the Public – Comments and Questions
- VI. Report from the Fire Chief

The report is a summary of recent activities from each of the District's Divisions including, but not limited to, Administration, Operations and Technical Services. The report could also include recent correspondence or other information that the Fire Chief believes would be important to the Governing Board.

VII. Pending Business

Note: The Board may vote to go into executive session at any time during the meeting on any item set forth below, pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §38-431.03 (A)(3), for the purpose of consultation for legal advice with the Board's attorney regarding any agenda item.

Note: From time to time it may be necessary for Board Members to participate in Board Meetings via speaker telephone.

- A. Discussion and possible action to approve the Accounts Payable 12 – 10 dated June 11, 2010.
- B. Public Hearing – Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2011.
- C. Discussion and possible action to adopt a final budget for the Drexel Heights Fire District for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2011, with \$12,011,186.08 in estimated revenues and \$12,011,186.08 in estimated expenditures. Any and all District revenues and expenditures may be discussed, as well as the anticipated tax rate.

The Board reviewed the proposed budget at its meetings of March 12, 2010, April 9, 2010, and May 14, 2010. At the meeting of April 9, 2010, the Board adopted a tentative budget and authorized the publishing of the tentative budget and notice of a public hearing concerning the proposed budget as required by State statute. The proposed budget attempts to maintain services without increasing the tax levy and it acknowledges the likelihood of a continuing fiscal crisis for governmental entities for the next few fiscal years. The proposed budget reflects a salary freeze for all District employees. The proposed budget does provide funds for the replacement of one ambulance and accounts for the possibility of grants to support PCWIN and other potential grant funded projects. The budget includes an estimated tax rate of \$2.7727 for the General Fund, and a tax rate of \$0.3400 for the Debt Service Fund.

- D. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution 2010 – 07, calling for an election to take place on November 2, 2010, to fill two seats on the Governing Board.

A.R.S. §48 – 802 requires an election in November to fill two vacancies on the Governing Board of the District. The Pima County Board of Supervisors must be notified by Resolution of the Call for Election, and the District can comply with that requirement by adopting this Resolution and forwarding a copy to the Board of Supervisors and the Pima County Elections Department. The two Board positions which will become vacant are currently held by Laura Dailey and R.M. Bishman.

- E. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Fire Chief to issue the necessary purchase orders to upgrade the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) software from the Positron I-Q format to the VIPER format.

The District has been notified by Positron that it will discontinue technical support and upgrades to the I-Q CAD format at the end of the year. The I-Q CAD format has become obsolete and Positron has replaced the system with a new version called VIPER. Positron is offering the District, for a very limited time, the opportunity to upgrade to the new VIPER system for about 10% of the actual cost of the software. The District is faced with the option of upgrading to the new system or living with the old system without any support or ability to update. The CAD system is essential for the operations of our Communications Center and its dispatch functions. Staff has reviewed the information, hosted demonstrations and completed its review of the VIPER system, and has recommended that the District pursue this upgrade.

VIII. Discussion items

- A. Review and discussion concerning the budget report for the period of July 1, 2009, through April 30, 2010.

IX. Future Agenda Items

X. Adjournment

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