

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE TWENTYNINE PALMS WATER DISTRICT  
72401 HATCH ROAD, TWENTYNINE PALMS, CA 92277**

**DECEMBER 18, 2013**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS**

Call to Order and Roll Call

President Moore called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m., 72401 Hatch Road, Twentynine Palms, California. Those responding to roll call were Directors Bo Bourikas, Chancey Chambers, Suzi Horn, Sam Moore, and Roger Shinaver. Also present were Fire Chief Jim Thompson, Financial Consultant Cindy Byerrum, and District Secretary Cindy Fowlkes.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None

Public Comments

Larry Briggs, from Twentynine Palms, spoke on behalf of business owners in the Historic Plaza. Chief Thompson and former Chief Coghill were thanked for their efforts in reporting and putting out the recent fire in the flower shop.

1. Consent Calendar

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 20, 2013
- Audit List

Director Chambers moved to approve the Minutes, seconded by Director Shinaver and approved by the following roll call vote.

Ayes: Directors Bourikas, Chambers, Horn, Moore, and Shinaver  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

2. Items Removed From the Consent Calendar for Discussion or Separate Action

None

3. Department Reports

3.1 Finance Report

Ms. Cindy Byerrum, Financial Consultant, reported that the budget is tracking as expected. Tower revenue money, approximately \$13,000, was received from the Water District.


3.2 Fire Chief's Report

Chief Thompson reported the Department responded to 192 calls for assistance during November. There was a commercial fire at the Historic Plaza witnessed and called in by retired Fire Chief Coghill. There was a residential fire in the Indian Cove area with a delayed response time of 4-5 minutes due to the closure of the Lear Station. The department delivered Santa to the Christmas tree lighting. For safety reasons, Chief Thompson encourages the continuation of the congruent Chamber of Commerce and Christmas tree lighting events. Recent feedback from the community shows 70% were against an increased tax measure to support the re-opening of the Lear Station, most were concerned with keeping the Adobe Fire Station fully staffed.

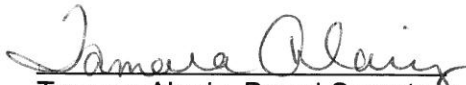
4. Future Agenda Items and Staff Tasks/Directors' Comments and Reports  
A Workshop to discuss a possible ballot tax measure will be tentatively scheduled on February 22, 2014, at 9:00 am in the Twentynine Palms Water District board room.

Director Shinaver wished everyone a good holiday and complemented staff on their good work.

5. Adjournment  
On motion by Director Shinaver, seconded by Director Chambers and approved by the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

  
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Kerron E. Moore, President  
Board of Directors

Attest:

  
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Tamara Alaniz, Board Secretary  
Twentynine Palms Water District