

CHINO VALLEY INDEPENDENT FIRE DISTRICT
Special Meeting - Standing Committee Meeting
Finance Committee

Administrative Headquarters
14011 City Center Drive
Chino Hills, CA 91709

Monday, September 25, 2023
8:00 a.m. Committee Meeting

MINUTES

CALLED TO ORDER

President DeMonaco called to order the meeting at 8:00 a.m. He explained the process for members of the public to participate in the meeting and provide public comment.

ROLL CALL

President John DeMonaco
Vice President Harvey Luth

Also present:

Fire Chief Dave Williams
Acting Deputy Chief Dean Smith
Finance Director Mark Shaker
Acting Clerk of the Board Melania Arredondo
Accountant Dawn Burns

FLAG SALUTE

President John DeMonaco led the flag salute.

INVOCATION

Chaplain Ted Wong provided the invocation.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Acting Clerk of the Board Arredondo stated that there were no changes to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

None.

MINUTES

1. **Minutes – August 21, 2023 Meeting**

The Committee agreed to file the minutes, as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

2. PURCHASE OF 2 PIERCE FIRE ENGINES

Purpose is for the Finance Committee to review and discuss the proposed purchase of two (2) Pierce Type I Engines.

Report by Acting Deputy Chief Dean Smith.

Acting Deputy Chief Smith provided a recap of the August Finance Committee meeting. He reported that there are two fire engines scheduled for replacement in the coming years and due to production delays and supply chain shortages, staff is requesting authorization to purchase two Pierce Fire Engines.

Acting Deputy Chief Smith explained the familiarity of the Pierce Engine is a significant advantage to the Firefighters as well as CVFD mechanics, as the similarity will make it easier to service and maintain the Pierce engines.

Acting Deputy Chief Smith reviewed the two options for payment:

1. (100% Pre-payment): \$1,998,215.12 Including Performance Bond and taxes.
2. (Payment Due at Delivery): \$2,320,704.40 Includes taxes.

Acting Deputy Chief Smith explained staff's recommendation is to select option 2, which allows the District to utilize the funds in its own investments and outpacing Pierce's discount, while awaiting delivery.

President DeMonaco asked if there was Public comment.

There was no request from the public to speak on this item.

President DeMonaco asked for Committee comment.

The Committee deliberated on the possibilities of delays or expedited delivery dates and the actions to be taken if the engines fail to arrive on the expected date. Acting Deputy Chief Smith replied that there could be a delay due to supply chain issues and there are clauses in place if those issues occur.

The Committee inquired about a contingency plan in case the Pierce engines fall through. Fire Chief Williams indicated that a reliable alternative would be the Spartan engine or any other reliable alternative that would fit the timeframe and needs of the District.

In response to questions from Committee Members, Acting Deputy Chief Smith stated that the amounts listed on the quote are fixed costs.

The Committee discussed whether the District is allocating sufficient funds for the capital replacement plan to cover future engine/equipment costs.

The Finance Committee agreed to place this item on New Business for approval by the Board of Directors at the next regular meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 a.m.