ASB Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2023, 1:30 P.M.

Present
Chris Wyrobek(Zoom), Don Malone, Daron Bement, Jim Walkowski(Zoom), John Leavell, Mike Nokes, Tom Hatley, Tom Jenkins; Paul Priest(AMR), Jack Busch(AMR), Patty Ruggiero

Approval of Meeting Minutes
Motion to approve, Chief Bement
Second: Chief Malone
August 9, 2023 ASB Meeting Minutes approved.

Agenda

New Business
None

Old Business
Small committee update regarding negotiation for the next contract with AMR

Chief Don Malone advised the sub-committee members are in the process of reviewing the current AMR contract. The sub-committee members are Chiefs Don Malone, Daron Bement, Jim Walkowski, Chris Wyrobek, and Tom Jenkins. Chief Malone mentioned there has been a lot of change during the time period of this contract. They don't want to rush through this and want to be sure they have enough time to consider anything that needs to be changed for the next contract. He said according to the contract language, we have the right to extend the current contract for a year.

Paul Priest advised there will need to be a rate adjustment if the contract is extended. This is due to the new CBA Agreement *(which includes the following)*:

- It is a 27% increase over 3 years for the CBA.
- Year one: 13% to base wages equating to 2.4 M increase to payroll.
- Rates Needed; Year One: near $2,700 Base Rate required.
- Year two and three carry additional 7% increases each year.
Chief Jenkins said the biggest part to consider is Spokane Valley going a different route. We need some time to make some decisions. We will need all four PLG’s to vote and fifty percent of the small PLG’s to vote.

Chief Nokes asked how that works for Spokane Valley, since they have said they do not want to continue in the ASB after this current contract? Chief Jenkins advised that anyone may remove themselves from this group at any time, per the contract language. Chief Leavell confirmed with Chief Soto that the Valley does not want to extend with the ASB for a year. Chief Soto said Valley Fire will be out of the ASB at the end of June 2024 at the end of the current contract.

Chief Jenkins asked what everyone wants the subcommittee to work on before the next meeting? It was agreed that once they have more details, they will need to research the options and terms for the one year after the expiration of the current contract. Chief Jenkins also asked if we should get a proposal from AMR so that can be worked on at the same time?

Paul Priest stated that they will need a rate increase, or they will have to submit a letter of intent to exit as the current agreement language calls for mutual agreement on an extension. Chief Wyrobek said the subcommittee should get details before addressing a rate increase.

- **Action Items:**
  The sub-committee headed by Chief Malone will research the options and terms for the one year extension to the current contract and present them at a subsequent ASB meeting for review and consideration.

  Paul will get the financials together and will set up a meeting with Chief Jenkins and Chief Soto to review, who can then relay information presented to the subcommittee.

**Roundtable**

**Spokane Valley** (Chief John Leavell)
Reduced waiting times were discussed at the EMS Council Meeting yesterday. There are long wait times, sometimes three hours. Stroke patients are asked who provides their care and that determines where they are transported. If they are a LAMS 1,2 or 3, they are taken to Deaconess, Holy Family, or Valley Hospital. If they are a LAMS 4 or 5, they are taken to Sacred Heart.

**Newman Lake** (Chief Daron Bement)
They are working on the Levy Lid Lift for November.

**AMR** (Paul Priest)
Good news, staffing is increasing.

**Cheney** (Chief Tom Jenkins)
He will re-send the Contract Administrator details to AMR.
He asked Lori Markham to put up a large screen TV in SREC dedicated to the AMR Live AVL. There is a dedicated LAN line.
Chief Jenkins mentioned that there have been some conversations between SREC and AMR about office space. Paul Priest said they would love to stay, but SREC said they need the space.
**District 10** (Chief Don Malone)
Nothing

**District 4** (Chief Mike Nokes)
He asked if there are any bylaws beside the AMR contract?
Chief John Leavell said he will look through Valley Fire’s files and see if there is anything.

Chief Nokes said they’ll be reviewing the Oregon fires and will try to put together a county wide document to preserve historical documents.

**District 8** (Chief Chris Wyrobek)
Nothing

**District 9** (Chief Jim Walkowski)
Nothing

**Adjournment**
Motion to Adjourn: Chief Leavell
Second: Chief Nokes
Adjourned at 1:55 PM.

**Next Meeting:**
Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 1330 hours, at the SVFD Admin Building