

Strategic Planning Committee

April 3, 2015

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Call to the Public - Kurt Bahti.

Kurt Bahti - I guess just all I wanted to say is I am here and ready to help the board move on and the fire department move on and I know everyone has gone through tough trials and tribulations here and it hasn't been fun in anybody involved but I am here to move on and to help in any way I can and move on in a positive direction and get to where we need to be.

Izzo- Thank you Kurt

Bahti- That is all I need to say. Thanks Ron.

Izzo- Sandy Ruppel.

Sandy Ruppel- I just wanted to say thank you for all you are doing like Kurt said I know it has not been easy hasn't been easy sitting at the table and I appreciate all that you have gone through and the efforts you put in and everything. I do appreciate you taking hold of the meeting the other night I seriously appreciate that and maybe.....I was trying to look up the gun policy because I was uncomfortable in that meeting when there was an agitated person walking around like they had a firearm on and I don't know if there is a way to set a policy where you can't bring guns

Chief- State statue

Ruppel- Ok so you are not supposed to bring guns into a public meeting

Izzo- We are actually trying to get a special meeting for Monday.

Ruppel- Actually I know that is not an agenda item.

Izzo- It's ok. We are trying to get a special meeting for Monday and that would be on the agenda.

Ruppel- This Monday?

Chief- No the 13th.

Ruppel- I won't be here. Anyway I wanted to say thank you for taking control of that. That was a very uncomfortable situation for me and everything so I appreciate.....

Chief- If you want afterwards I will talk to you about the State Statue on it.

Ruppel- Ya ok. I was trying to bring that up um before I came but anyways thank you again.

Izzo- So this is the Strategic Planning Committee Mr. Anthony Berry is currently absent he may come in a little later. We will move on to item 3 which is old business strategic planning for the fire department um I think for the record we might have to clarify who the committee members are. Board policy allows the chairman of the Board to appoint committee members. So I just want to get that in the record in case someone should question that again that the committee members by my appointment and under Chief Joseph DeWolf, Kathe Prentice and myself. So that is in the record now in case there is any question about that. And for some of you that were present at some of the Board meetings where the Board approved committee members which was done by the Budget and Finance Committee there are 2 ways for committee members to be selected. 1 is by Board vote and the other is by authority by the Chairman and it is in our board policy. So let's talk about where we are and we spent the couple of meetings talking about some of our options and we are just trying to finalize this and we will be making a recommendation to the full Board at the budget study session on the 21st so there will be a written and an oral report to the Board and inclusions in the budget the Board will not vote on the 21st but will adopt a draft budget

Chief- 20th

Izzo- O I am sorry the 20th is the meeting for the study session and the Board will adopt a draft budget on

Chief-the 27th

Izzo- On the 27th so there will be a vote to adopt the draft budget and that will be published and there will be a hearing and then the Board will convene to actually adopt the budget on.....we have a date on that handy?

Chief- June 22nd

Izzo- June 22nd Ok Chief had some assignments from last meeting

Chief- To do a run down the projects we are working on is apparatus replacement, personal protective equipment and the living quarters. So I am going to start with the apparatus replacement and we requested um 47,000 in the 2014 and 2015 budget. We funded 35,000 leaving a deficit of 10,000 dollars. So I took the numbers contracted the vendors of the vehicles to make sure our prices were still in line. If we funded in this coming budget, now the 35,000 dollars we would have 70,000 in our apparatus replacement. With that we could put a down payment on a 375,000 dollar piece of apparatus and would leave a balance of 305,000 dollars for a period of 8 years. Um... making our payment 44,613 dollars a year. This would bring us to the apparatus replacement program scheduled that we brought forth last year. So our structure truck would be audited within the next 18 months and it would be paid off in 8 years at 44,613 dollars a year. And that is for either a I have these for you and on the back side of this this is just some show and tell of what type of vehicles we would be looking at. Everything would be a 4-wheel drive vehicle which is one of our type 1 engine lacks right now. The last page is the immunization schedule to pay it off in that 8 year period working within our budget 44,613 a year. Does anybody have any questions on that?

Izzo- Ok so this updates what was in last years.....?

Chief- Yes. Why I contacted the vendors again is because there was some questions at the previous Board meeting that we couldn't fund that strategic plan for vehicle replacement at the dollars we were stating publically we could and we can. We are still within those ranges. Kathy do you have any questions on the apparatus?

Kathy- I'm just curious how the interest paid on this compares to the possible bond.

Chief- O we will get to bonds down at the end.

Kathy- Ok.

Izzo- So for this another 35,000 for this 2015-2016

Chief- Yes

Izzo- And then 44,600 after for a period of

Chief- Right

Izzo- 7 years

Chief- 8 years

Izzo- 8 more years

Chief- 8 more years so with the 35,000 in last year's budget and this coming budget then if we add 9,613 that would bring us to 44,613 and our first payment on this vehicle would be in the 16-17 year budget. Again as I spoke last...it will take 18-24 months once we audit our vehicle to get it at the district. Item 2 was the personal protective equipment. We requested 45,000 dollars in the 14-15 budget, the budget funded 25,000 leaving a deficit of 20,000 dollars. If we fund 40,000 dollars for the next three years we can get on schedule for our apparatus our PPE replacement. Being the first place we need to replace is our self-contained breathing apparatus at around 140,000 dollars. So if we take the 25,000 dollars that we have funded and less that from 140,000 minus the 25,000 dollars we have that is 115,000 dollars if we divide that over the three years we have left to replace the SCBAs that brings us to 38,3 something. So the 40,000 for the next three years will keep us on target on replacing our self-contained breathing apparatus. Now on the PPE the next step is our turnouts we use for structure firefighting and they have to be replaced by 2021 at a 262,000 dollars. So again if we keep the 40,000 dollars in the budget and the 2 years from 18 to 21 we will have the 80,000 which is a little more then what we need for our PPE replacement.

Kathy- So what are we going to do about possible cost increases?

Chief- There is no way to project that. Again we need 62,500 for our budget right now and we are using the 40,000 we should be within the range. Turnout gear has not increased within the last 3 years its been the same.

Izzo- Um let's see here. The SCBAs the price on that?

Chief- 140,000 dollars

Izzo- And so that would be done in 2018?

Chief- Yes we have to have them up and functional at the end of 2019.

Izzo- So we would be paying cash for that?

Chief- Yes we would be paying cash for it.

Izzo- And then um the turnouts what was the cost on that?

Chief- 62,500

Izzo- So that gives us 3 years. So we need 52,500. You are recommending keeping the 40,000.

Chief- Yes

Izzo- Each year

Chief- We have 25,000 now

Izzo- Ya I understand all that but at the end of 2018 we would have spent all we had. Is that correct?

Chief- Yes and then we have 2 more years to save the 62,000 we need for the SCBAs

Izzo- You said 52,500

Chief- 62,5000

Izzo- And so but you are recommending 40,000 each year?

Chief- Right which would more than give us what we need to replace those SCBAs the turnouts.

Izzo- Ok. So there is an option for a reduction here. So that's just playing in the future anyways we can't say what we are going to do in 2019. Ok

Chief- Any other questions on the PPE? Ok under the living quarters um last year we looked at a total living quarters of 250,795 dollars it is a 1400 sq. ft. brick and mortar building out to the back of here. Um we looked at long range planning to pay it off in 25 years and that is where we got some community input that they thought we were extending it too long. That payment would have been 10,352 dollars. We receive 10,000 dollars for the living quarters.

Izzo- Let me stop you there so the principle amount for last year was actually 187

Chief- Yes

Izzo- So the two that is including

Chief- 258 for the total payment

Izzo- That is the total payment?

Chief- Yes

Izzo- That includes interest?

Chief- Yes that includes interest. That was sealed locked in out the door.

Izzo- Is 187 construction cost?

Chief- Yes. And what we did is look at the different options we did last year as well. This year we looked at reversing it. We are building a living quarters out there with bedrooms, showers, 2 bathrooms and so what we look at this year was turning this room into living quarters. And this would be a diagram of what we came up with for in here and we would put 6 bedrooms in here. We already have the kitchen, shower and bathrooms already in. And what that would cost us and I didn't lump it all together.

Izzo- 15,000

Chief- Ya and then there is cement and some other stuff but to do the remodeling here and that is just to buy the materials is 15,000 dollars. I plan to use volunteer labor from our crews and our volunteers and some community members said they would help to frame this off, sheet rock it in, insulate it and drop electricity in it. And we would then put a modular out back and this is what the modular roughly would look like. This would become our meeting room. It does have a bathroom in it and it has a room in it for executive session and smaller meetings but that is where our Border Patrol and our Board meetings, our Tuesday night trainings would be in this building and.....um and this building comes in with air-conditioning, heating and cooling already attached to it at a value of 96,000 dollars. We would then have to extend the side walk up and then we looked at cementing in a 25 by 44 pad back here that we could cover and use as our exercise/weight room which is better then what it is sitting outside in the rain and sun now. So for this project total would be 120,500 dollars

Izzo- That heat pump there you mentioned 9500

Chief- That's to do with this building in here. Drop AC and heat in all the 6 bedrooms and cool this room here.

Izzo- Ok.

Chief- Because our little swamp cooler wont

Izzo- Is that what that is?

Chief- Yes.

Izzo- Got it

Chief- So the total project doing it this way would be 120,500 so we are roughly saving about 100,000 dollars. There could be other benefits to doing it with the modular if we look at expansion of the district. In 5 to 10 years if we decide to build a different station or a larger station here whatever we may try to do we could pull these modular and move them to our Elgin site and start developing a fire station in over on the Elgin property. So doing it with modular we could turn it into a twofold progress for moving the district forward.

Izzo- We are really talking 135,000?

Chief- Right

Izzo- Ok. Cause it was 120 for the module and 15 for this and the modular then included the cement.

Kathe- I this modular new?

Chief- The one we are looking at for 96 is brand new.

Kathe- What was the life expectancy on that again?

Chief- They will tell you it is on up keep. Its on up keep.

Kathe- Oh

Chief- It's no different than buying a car and then trashing it. If you look at what we have done now we have lived in RVs for over 7 years. There is no way I cannot say this unit would not last us anywhere from 8-15 years with the ability to move it to our other site and move forward off of that.

Izzo- So Chief I understand this so the 15,000 dollars for the materials to modify this 9500 for the heat pump that is just for this room alone

Chief- Yes

Izzo- Ok so 25000 for this room is where we are at. Ok and that we are going to need to pay for I mean we are going to have to budget that.

Chief- Yes.

Izzo- And the oh actually the pad is another 8 so we have to pay for that too.

Kathe- The concrete pad out here you mean?

Izzo- Ya so all we can actually finance is the 96

Chief- Correct

Izzo- So that brings this to about 39,000 that we have to budget?

Chief- Yes. Well the cement we could probably tie into that with the unit.

Izzo- What I am trying to get at is the modulares we can finance so the other option would be to finance that

Chief- Yes.

Izzo- But everything else we have to pay for so that has to be budgeted.

Chief- Yes

Izzo- I am still getting 39,000 for....we have a budget if we include the heat pump and the concrete pad at 8,000 that's 32,500. Ok and we can fine tune this. So.....and we have 10

Chief- We have 10

Izzo- That leaves 22,500. Now is there a down payment on this 96?

Chief- Yes

Izzo- Do we have any numbers on it?

Chief- The lowest they will take is 6% down

Izzo- Excuse me

Chief- 6% down is the lowest they will take.

Izzo- Ok. So that has to be budget if we go that route? And what kind of interest numbers?

Chief- Roughly 4% on it. For how long?

Izzo- How long?

Chief- I looked at several different ways to fund this. I don't know if you wanted to get into that tonight or not.

Izzo- Well I think we need to give them 2 options.

Chief- Ok I have multiple options. There is a modular and with 20,000 down our payment if we financed it for 4 years would make a 25,000 a year payment. But if we used some of our cash reliability reserve funds we have if we put 46,000 dollars towards this building we could lower that payment to 13,000 dollars a year for 4 years and be paid off.

Izzo- I forgot about that. Thanks for reminding me. So this is ok that's with this down using.....What did you call it?

Chief- cash reliability reserve

Izzo- Ok alright that gives 2 financing options for the modular

Chief- And then for the brick and mortar same thing. And if we did it a down our yearly payment with a 20,000 dollar down on brick and mortar we would be looking at a 64,000 dollars a year payment. Now again paying it in 4 years.

Izzo- Ok so this is a.....ok do we have a.....this was to do the crew's quarters

Chief- Brick and mortar

Izzo- Do we have a number for....I really don't want to consider that. Do we have a number for the conference room brick and mortar?

Chief- I am trying to get the 2 contractors to give us another bid and they didn't have it done by tonight but they said the shavings on it wouldn't be that much. They said basicallybecause you still have to put the plumbing in there we would be saving6 rooms and that is it.

Izzo- Where did this number 187 come from that was in last year's report

Chief- That islast year was 187,000 to build it. That was the crew's quarters out here and they said they would....if you looked at doing the 38,000 dollars in here that's about how much they will shave off that price to not stick it out to bedrooms. So we will still be spending the money it will be just spent in a different area.

Izzo- Ok. Um cause this number has 238

Chief- Which that is the finance number

Izzo- Ok

Chief- And last year we ran it at 25 years at 10,000 dollars a year. It was 71,000 or something in interest we were going to pay on it.

Izzo- Do we want to consider the brick and mortar option for the crew's quarters Kathe? Im just thinking its just getting too complicated we need to give the Board a couple of choices, other wards I want to. say unlike done like last year this is what we recommend. We have to have crew quarters and this is what we recommend. The only option is how to fund it or not fund it. You understand what I mean? Instead of giving them to many options so I liked the option and I am asking you of modifying this and doing something for our meeting room wether it be modular o r brick and mortar for the meeting room and not going back to that one so there is not an option there. You have convinced me that this is the way to go. This is the best thing in our best intrest.

Chief- Right and now what we need to decide is if we want a modular or brick and mortar for a meeting room.

Izzo- And so how that might play out we have a couple of weeks to make a recommendation that's it. Our recommendation might say here is an option and if you want to fund it in the budget thios is how much it is going to cost. The other option is to lump all this stuff in a bond like we talked about. If we are going to do a bond I don't think we should do a bond for..... That doesn't seem to make a lot of since.

Kathe- Do you want to talk about the bond real quick before we look at it as an option?

Chief- Ok on the bonds I spoke with a company that has over a dozen bonds out with Arizona Fire Districts. The average cost on a bond is between 25 and 65 thousand dollars. They don't want to write a bond for anything under a million. They said they would but it is going to cost you more money than it is worth. My concern about looking at a bond right now is in 5 years Carlson owns the land next to the Steak Out which is the largest retirement development in the country. If he was to put in that development and we needed to upgrade a station or add more apparatus we would already have that bond. So as we talk about a bond I want to make sure it is the right time to float a bond not just for today but in years to come. The building we are sitting in was built in '85. All the windows in it are single pane windows. It wasn't meant to live in. There is a lot with this and so if I am thinking on a bond is what we are doing appropriate for 1 piece of apparatus and living quarters. Is that appropriate bond?

Izzo- Well the bond would be....I think we have to budget the modify this for the crew quarters I think we have to budget for it and that the bond would include the apparatus, meeting room, brick and mortar and the Elgin site. So when we kick these numbers around last time we were approaching a million. We were at 900,000. I don't know how all that can happen but it is just.....We can include this in the bond too I guess either way you will be out there another year no matter what.

Chief- If we head for a bond your pushing it to get it on the ballot. The bond company what they do is come in and survey the community they mail things.....they're going to guarantee us this bond is going to pass.

Izzo- So let's go back to this I thought we formed a committee of community people that are going to present the bond. The Board would decide to do a bond and then the committee there would be a committee and you are saying the actual foot work for the committee is done by the bonding committee.

Chief- Yes.

Izzo- So they do publicity and all that and that is free of cost?

Chief- No that is the 24-65 thousand dollars that they will pull off the bond.

Izzo- Ok. So they help and provide the man power for the committee. So you should all know if the Board decides to do a bond that it just needs to put it in a vote that's all that means. It doesn't mean that is the way it is going to be done. And do we have any idea what a million dollars would cost the average tax payer?

Chief- Tubac sitting at 11 cents and I still think.....I have called the Chief twice trying to get him to find out how long that bond was for.

Izzo- It was 4 million and it was 11 cents per 100

Chief- Yes

Izzo- Ok and again the catch up you get with going to the Elgin site and everything and we did this back in '06 is how much are you going to go for? How big are you going to go for? The community really gets up and arms with it for expanding to big and when you do your survey over our Elgin land it will affect 128 homes today. And then if you do that add another tender in there which I think we talked about last time. If we are going to use the Elgin site you might as well make it up in functional so that those 100 and some residents get a benefit.

Kathe- about 2,000 homes in the district

Chief- That is all it will affect.

Izzo- So let's try to see what this is what we would be recommending above current budget level. Ok? So for the apparatus we wouldn't be recommending anything above the previous 35,000 just another 35,000.

Chief- Just for this year.

Izzo- Just for this year ok

Chief- And remember what we are working on is a two year budget. We have to submit a two year budget to the county.

Izzo- So asking for 40 thousand for PPE

Chief- No because we budgeted 25 so we are going to ask 40 less the 25 additional to the budget we are going to ask 15 thousand there.

Izzo- Ok. We had 16 last time so that is good. Ok so living quarters

Chief- Again to determine what you want to buy and how long you want to finance it for.

Izzo- Well the 32,500 we cannot finance and we only have 10. 32,500 modify this ok so that is 12,500 over what we had previously what we had budgeted. So that for quarters plus the down payment on the modular.

Chief- Which is 6,000 dollars.

Izzo- That is the minimum.

Chief- Yes

Izzo- Or the other number was.....from the strategic the other number Chief. 48,000

Chief- That is using our

Izzo- Well either way it is still money

Chief- Raising the bottom line not the tax money that would be the 46,250

Izzo- So let's just throw this out right now. So the cash reliability reserve could be as much as what not counting carry over. We have been carrying over 30,000.

Chief- Right now in the past reliability reserve we have 92,500.

Izzo- And that does not include what we need to carry over the 30,000?

Chief- No

Izzo- There could be 92,000 additional money that could actually fund these

Chief- And what I did with that was I broke the 92 in half is how I came up with 62,500 so that we still have some reserve in case we run into trouble with apparatus, this building or something in the future. So if you went with that program using the module out back and stuff we would have to increase the living quarter budget line item by 3,073 dollars. So you would have 15,000 for the PPE so you would have 18,000 dollar increase in your bottom line in your budget. Not including that's just strategic planning that's not including our increases and our reliability insurance things like that.

Izzo- No you got the living quarters

Chief- Ya.

Izzo- 32,500. So how did you come up with that number?

Chief- Because I took....I lumped everything together all the living quarters together the 128,000 together. I then, financed that amount lowering it by

Izzo- We can't finance the renovation with this

Chief- Ok I can't say 100% we couldn't. We have an awesome line of credit we probably could do it.

Izzo- Ok that is certainly another option. So another option is to draw on the reserves so there would not be a resulting tax increase this year. Ok? And what you are saying is maybe not even next year.

Chief- No next year there would be one because we have to move up the 35 to 44 thousand to 9 grand there. So we would have an increase next year for sure.

Prentice- What is the interest on the line of credit?

Chief- Depends on who we pull it from and what bank. We have been paying over the years and haven't.....our last one was our annual ambulances and it was down around 3%. The organization has outstanding credit.

Prentice- 3% is a pretty good deal.

Chief- Everything I figured on was at 4%.

Izzo- Um....I don't want to take the bond off the table so what I don't want to have happen is kind of what has happened before is that you have one option so it is real easy to say for a Board member to say well we will just use the reserves to reduce taxes. It has been pushed down the road you guys have been saying that so 9 years. It is real easy to say that without another option and so I understand what you are saying about future development but I don't know that I want to jeopardize next year on the possibility of some future development. I think that is what we would be doing. Save the bond. I understand it makes more sense but if we get that development wouldn't there be a reason for another bond. I know what you are saying about Elgin but then too I think we have to make a decision on whether we are going to do Elgin or not.

Chief- I think doing Elgin is a something we need to do. How we do it whether it is this year my main thing is if we go for a bond we are going to be sitting in RVs and as we sit today for another 2 years

Izzo- The bond has to be in the fall of 2016.

Chief – Correct.

Izzo- It has to be with the general election otherwise

Chief- Ok so it passes or it doesn't pass so we are another year into it. It passes we still won't get the money.

Izzo- Right

Chief- Until another year so we are sitting the way we are.....

Izzo- It takes that long?

Chief- Yes. It has to go through the41:25

Prentice- For two years you said?

Chief- One year will be our election

Izzo- But don't they sell the bonds? Once it is approved by the voters they sell the bond.

Chief- They sell the bond but have the money coming in from the tax rolls to pay that off.

Prentice- If we were to get the million dollar bond as a minimum we could do adequate living quarters that are built for the firefighters needs rather than the remodel.

Chief- Which is what?

Izzo- You mean back to the 187 brick and mortar.

Prentice- Yes that is what I mean.

Izzo- Either way I think if we are going to propose a bond that needs to be brick and mortar whether it be living quarters or the meeting rooms your not going to do a bond for.....Now lets go over this again if the election is in the fall of 2016 and the vote is yes it will go on the 17 tax rolls so we won't see any money until November of 17 a year later.

Izzo- They could not sell the bonds until

Chief- Until we can pay them. They could sell them if we had money reserves to pay them. So that is the delay of

Izzo- Until when of 2017?

Chief- Well they come due in November the first payment is due the end of November.

Prentice- Well the PPE is not due till 2018.

Chief- Again that is if we are willing to go and push the bond I am not opposed. I am just saying we need to gear up it is at least another year and if it doesn't go.

Izzo- But one has never failed.

Chief- And the economy has never been where it has been.

Izzo- And this is the lowest impact to the tax payer?

Chief- Yes.

Prentice- We could always have a backup in case the bond didn't go through.

Izzo- Well it would come back to the board again. I'm just concerned about getting that one vote we need. That's all I am concerned about.

Chief- Ya.

Izzo- Anyways it would be hard to argue saying this is the least impact on the tax payer to do this and the Board is not responsible because it goes to the voters. So that is two more years 2 ½ years in the trailers.

Perntice- I think I am not going to speak for all the firefighters without talking to them first but I think if you give them an option to have a nicely built to their needs space and wait for two more years in the trailers take that over remodeling in here. They are still bunked up pretty close together.

Chief- That's what we bid out there. What we bid out there is what we are going to do here the identical thing. You are going to have beds per room your room is going to be 9X8 there is no different from here to there except for that's another addition you have to come through to get into the station.

Prentice- Ya. We did talk about delaying time getting to the trucks and out the door which is a goal for the district.

Izzo- But here if you had the kitchen and everything here. If we did a brick and mortar crew quarters there the kitchen and everything there.

Chief- Yes

Izzo- With showers?

Chief- Yes so it would be the same set up as here.

Izzo- It's not that far to the bay is it?

Chief- No but you would still come through this building and out this door verses sleeping here and walking out that door.

Izzo- You can't go from that building into the bay?

Chief- No

Prentice- No.

Chief- there is no way to do it.

Prentice- That is just an overhang the bay ends right here on this wall. So when we leave the trailers we go through this door and go out that door and into the bay and go out. So we talked last week we could decrease our time out the door if we moved the living quarters this because we only have to get up go down the center of this and out the door.

Chief- Your talking about building something out there that is going to be plusher. What I am trying to say it is not. The bid we gave out there was identical to what we were going to do right here. So there will be a brick and mortar perimeter and then we are going to frame off 6 rooms that are 8X9 which is what we did here. There will still be 2 people per room so it is not plusher.

Prentice- Another question that came up after the meeting last week was is there a legal requirement for sleeping quarters for firefighters to have a window in each room?

Chief- Nope

Prentice – Ok. So that helps us moving into here.

Izzo- I think we need to make a decision tonight whether or not we move forward with the bond recommendation or not. We could certainly say we have considered the bond and we don't feel like we have sufficient needs at this time to warrant a million dollar bond. I presume that is your recommendation?

Chief- Like I said not necessarily if we are going to do a bond there are a lot of other things that we ought to think about pulling into it and here we sit at another end of the budget here trying to push something together. My main concern right now is getting these guys more comfortable and being able to sleep them and respond them rapidly. My growth for a bond is what we looked at is building the Elgin site we should be putting water storages in Rain Valley and up in Singing Valley and down in Lyle Canyon. Those are the things we need to consider if we are going to go after this bond to do it in a way that the district from top to top side to side is going to benefit. By doing those water storages and adding a tender or two to give us water shuttle capability we can then start working on our district lowering everyone's insurance and not 5 miles from this station and 5 miles from that station. That is what I am saying we need to really look at a bond as what do we need as an organization long term whether the development comes here or the Vera Earl sells off or wherever that development hits we will never be able to predict that but water storage is what we were trying to do back in '06 these storages like we put out here 25,000 gallons of water dumps out at 600 gallons a min. I have a better chance at suppressing a wildfire and a structure fire with those around the community. Back to the impact on the tax payer again so if we did a 1.2 million dollar bond and it turns out the impact the tax increase is less than building a modular and remodeling this and getting one truck then that could be an advantage. I understand the fear that the community may not vote for it. It would be the first fire district that attempted a bond and didn't get passed.

Prentice- I think whether we go for it and get it approved or don't get approved we still can make a backup plan and feel comfortable whether the bond flies or doesn't fly.

Izzo- Well you couldn't do anything in this year's budget for a backup plan.

Chief- Either way, 2 years down the road if the bond flies for 2 years down the road if the bond fails we are 2 years down the road before we could be sitting at this table moving forward again. And then you start adding into my structure truck is 20 years old now it is 23 to 24 years old. I don't have the answers I think it is.....we have 1 week after we do our budget Board study session trying to get information from the Board to lean one way or the other.

Izzo- Well if we can present it and if we can find out what the impact will be if you just run some.....the way these bonds are done I have been involved in this in Pima County I mean it is like what do you think? We then put the number down. It's not like you go out and get a quote. They are usually not enough unfortunately that is how it goes. Well it cost so much a sq. ft. so much a mile so when you just do that it ends up costing more but anyways that's how these go because that is what you have to present. You really don't get any firm numbers you know until the end. So if we could get a number if it is 1.2 or 1.3 whatever and this is what the impact would be then that is a viable option and then we can tell on the 20th whether we have a possibility of getting that other vote.

Chief- Ok.

Izzo- I mean and so the Board is going to have to do something the something could be nothing. Unfortunately

Chief- 9 years

Izzo- with a 4 member board if we are 2 and 2 that is nothing

Prentice- Ya you will be at a stand still

Izzo- Right so that is no. It has to be 3 to be a quorum. Um....and I am going to continue to argue hard and Chief I know you will too we really don't want to be in a position of saying oh ok if you want to reduce it that's ok. We need this much money for the truck. You cannot reduce it. That is not ok. Either you fund the truck or you don't fund the truck that said. This idea of reducing it that hurts which is what kind of happened last year. I like the idea of drawing in the reserves I think that makes a lot of since and it is a good use of that and so the numbers might work out. There is almost no tax increase for this next year. Right?

Chief- Yes

Prentice- That is a whole other ball under the court then. Do you think we could survive as a district without a meeting room for two years? If we moved the firefighters into here

Chief- Sure we would have to rent the county building, the church or something. We have to have a meeting room that is cooled and climate controlled and has restrooms.

Prentice- Do we want to explore that with the Chaplain?

Izzo- The answer is yes there is no question the answer is yes.

Chief- There is a church across the way, there is a county building there is the fairgrounds I mean we could get something that we use for 12-24 months.

Izzo- So the option would be if you don't do bonds then the minimum you have to do is this. Right that is what you are saying?

Prentice - Throwing it out there if we were looking at putting something on hold whether to include it in the bond or not in the bond.

Izzo- Well how about we just not include this in the bond. How about we just put this in the budget period than.

Prentice- Well I think for the amount of money ya.

Izzo- For the 32,500 right? Throw out the bath water not the baby just the bath water.

Prentice- Ya keep the baby that would look bad. Just another option I am throwing out there.

Izzo- I think it is a good one.

Chief- We should fund remodeling this so we don't have reserves.

Izzo- Ya.

Chief- Still walk away with some reserve in case something else happens.

Izzo- The good thing about that is we are saying how important this is.

Prentice- True I mean we have the quilters that are here regularly. We have political parties, homeowner associations and you know

Chief- We do almost 35 different organizations use this room on an annual basis.

Izzo- So but that is saying how important the crew quarters are.

Chief- Yes

Prentice- We could offer them to meet in our crew quarters

Izzo- Ok I like that idea. Chief?

Prentice- It may make the public more app to vote for a bond. A meeting room the only thing that would be bad is that it affects us on our training nights even if we get stuck out in the bay area.

Chief- We have no training room. Whatever we rent for a meeting room we need to rent for a training room. It also eliminates our breakfast.

Izzo- Whatever we rent if we are going to rent the church couldn't that be your training room? Couldn't that be breakfast? It really couldn't be our training room no. All our apparatus and equipment is here all of our stuff is here. Basically start hauling smoky shelters and dirty turnouts into the church and some is going to get.....

Izzo- It would have to happen in the bay?

Prentice- Right

Izzo- Is that you recommendation?

Prentice - Puts us out in the elements there for training so I don't know. Would it help or hinder the community? Will it make them angry if we didn't have all these activities going on here? We are a social hub in Sonoita. I mean this is the only place you can come if you have a hawk with a broken arm and you have no toilet paper in the restroom and you would not believe the inquires we get. So this is an essential hub and people do come here a lot for various things. Would it make the public aware that ya we need the funding for a meeting room or would it make them angry and oh we cant meet there any more so we are not going to support them it could go both ways.

Izzo- We could prioritize this and say this is what we have to do and we are willing to make that sacrifice if that is all we are willing to get. Ok but there are the other options. I mean you could do the modular out there we could do all of it. Ok so can we lease a modular for a couple of years?

Chief- Yes I don't know what the cost is but we can lease it.

Izzo- So if we did a bond then we could temporally lease this modular for a couple of years and have both.

Chief- Yes

Prentice- That would be good put the public in a modular and then they will decide they want something better.

Chief- That was my goal of putting a modular out there and flipping what we did last year it was the least expensive. Put the public out here and try to sell something else and build a bond. Start doing some homework on a bond now instead of 3 month before we put a budget together and then look at doing those water sites and building out the Elgin site.

Izzo- Ok that is going to be in the budget that is it. Now the truck we don't want to wait 4 more years for 821.

Chief- I just spent another 2,000 dollars on it this month.

Izzo- So 821 has to be not in the bond.

Chief- Correct. If you are not going to do a quick bond.

Izzo- If you get the bond approve like you said we have to have the money coming in.

Prentice- So PPE is priority 1, Apparatus is 2 and the living quarter is 3.

Izzo- Well I think we are saying we have to have the truck it has to be within the budget. So we are still back at the bond. We got to get this down to something. We have to quite talking and say this is what we are going to recommend ok? Another meeting next week? No I am asking you guys do you want to spend another hour tonight and try.....I have so much going on in my mind I am having a little trouble grasping it.

Prentice- We are missing 1 person. I am willing to meet again

Chief- Ok.

Izzo- It is going to have to be early because we have to wright this all up.

Chief- We could do it Wend 8th or Monday the 6th.

Izzo- I am really relying on you Kathe.

Prentice- For?

Izzo- The crew quarters I mean you....we talked about the option of waiting for 4 years and this and that....so we are going to recommend we are going to do this no matter what and so now you will be training out there. So you are going to have to speak to the people who are affected by this.

Izzo- I mean I am not affected. Is Monday enough time? You can talk to people about it.

Kathe- I prefer Wend because I am not going to see the people around here until Monday.

Izzo- So Monday gives us a week and a half Chief to get a report together?

Prentice- We are talking about the 8th right?

Chief- Yes It does.

Izzo- So that date is what?

Chief- The 8th

Prentice - 6 again?

Izzo- Is that Wednesday

Kathe and Chief- Yes

Izzo- So Chief come back next week you need to make a recommendation to us about this bond. If you don't want to do this bond now I liked what you said make it bigger so when we did that last week we talked about another tender and we came up close to a million dollars. Now you are talking water storage that would now possibly reduce insurance. I mean doing something bigger and better so put it all there so we isolated the crew quarters. We isolated 821 not being affected by it and the SCBAs are not affected by it. Let's see here so for your assignments thanks Chief you covered everything here but for next week we really need to know the possibility of rentals. There is the fairground to. And you need to find out what the impact is on the tax payer. You need to come up with a bond number right? Just shoot from the hip ok. It doesn't just whatever.

Chief- Bond impact

Izzo- And the bond amount and what. They are going to give us a list and then the impact. We know the cost now and that is good. Now they were saying 2 years to the vote

Chief- That is what they recommend

Izzo- 2 years to the vote that is going to cost us a lot of money.

Chief- I asked them if we could have it by next election and they said they would have to be moving now to get it on there. It would be just a real crunch.

Izzo- Well it could be moving in a few weeks. The special election is going to cost us more money. You bounced a number off like 20 to 30,000 dollars

Chief- That is what the counties say. Between both counties it would be upward about 25,000 dollars.

Izzo- And this is just part of the regular election it is part of the 6 or 7 right? And the Santa Cruz County bill is how much?

Chief- Almost 5,000 dollars

Izzo And Pima County

Chief- 400

Izzo- 400? For the two board positions?

Chief- Yes

Izzo- 5,000 dollars is expensive for putting those names on there. Isn't that what they did?

Chief- Yes. 2 names and next election we have 3 names and it will be more money if they bill us.

Prentice- Do you want me to talk to the pastor across the street?

Chief- No I will get it. Room rentals I will get it.

Izzo- You guys think about this training out there is that realistic?

Prentice- it is not conducive to be honest with you.

Chief- Not even looking at that the logistic is you are going to take every piece of apparatus in that bay and pull it out

Prentice- Set up chairs

Chief- Set up your chairs and power point

Izzo- Well it is your call guys. You guys have to decide if that is an option or not.

Chief- The logistics of it for 2 years I will filter around and see what

Prentice- I will poke around too

Izzo- The other option to that is to lease for that modular so that would be the other part of that. So if you do a bond we are going to do this without the bond we are going to replace 821 the SCBAs and we are going to lease a modular for 2 years so that is the other side of that.

Prentice- Yes

Izzo- Ok. So I think that is probably as far as we can go from here. Ok anything else?

Prentice- I don't think so.

[lots of miscellaneous chit-chat – but no concrete discussion...]

Chief – my proposal has a 25/40 foot slab with an awning – so it's all covered.

Prentice – Great

Izzo – Thanks for coming everyone, if you want to come up and talk with us, meeting's over.