

**Town of Superior**  
**Emergency Services Committee**

**MINUTES**

Thursday , March 18, 2021 6:00 P.M.  
Superior Town Hall  
199 N. Lobb Avenue, Superior, AZ 85173

Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Superior Emergency Services Committee and to the public that the Superior Emergency Services Committee held a Regular Meeting open to the public set forth above.

**Due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, which have prompted declarations of a public health emergency at both the state and federal levels, this meeting will be conducted using measures to protect public health. Members of the public are encouraged NOT TO ATTEND THE MEETING IN PERSON but instead to attend and listen to the meeting remotely by telephone.**

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3. Your Participant Code is **654996#**.

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- \*6-Mute - Participants can mute/unmute their own lines by pressing \*6.

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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCd2f5D2dfTkaazjwNyhAXRA> .

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This meeting was held remotely through technological means, as permitted under Arizona law.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**  
Chairperson Stephen Estatico called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT:

Chairperson Stephen Estatico

PRESENT TELEPHONICALLY:

Joyce Lopez – PD Admin

Scott Stilgenbauer – RCM

John Perez – FD Chief

Tim Gotto – FD Assistant Chief

ABSENT:

Heston Klenck – RCM

Frank Alanis – PD Chief

Brad Lingard - RCM

STAFF PRESENT:

Todd Pryor – Town Manager

Ruby Cervantes – Town Clerk

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairperson Estatico led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of the Minutes of Meeting on February 18, 2021.

Motion to approve the Minutes of the ESC Meeting on February 18, 2021 made by Scott Stilgenbauer, second by FD Chief John Perez, Motion Carries.

AYES - 5 Chairperson Estatico, Ms. Lopez, Mr. Stilgenbauer, FD Chief Perez, FD Assistant FD Chief Gotto.

NOES - 0

ABSENT – 3 Mr. Klenck, PD Chief Alanis, Mr Lingard

ABSTINATION – 0

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Discussion on Quarterly drills.

1. Upcoming Drills - The 2021-Q1 Drill.

Chairperson Estatico asked if we had a date.

Stilgenbauer asked where is the Town at with having external drills. Are we in favor or opposed to this so he can take this back to Resolution.

Chairperson Estatico stated a couple of things. Who's vaccinated would be one. Would you hold the drill using the basic social distancing, masks.

Mr. Pryor stated the Fire Dept is holding external drills right now. If that doesn't work for Resolution, then at least the table top on zoom.

Chairperson Estatico stated if they could set it up and put the requirements; what's the plan.

Stilgenbaur will run this by management and if they are beneficial. Thinks we can have it with controls in place. He will work with PD and FD about arranging a drill.

Chief Perez stated if they go through precautions they should be able to do something. He has not problem. We can make something happen.

Stilgenbauer – Q-1 almost ends. He suggested scrapping the Q-1 and try for the drill for Q-2.

- B. Discussion on the Audit of the Superior Fire Department Purchases made with the funding from Resolution Copper and Response to Strategic Questions from Emergency Services Agreement prepared by Public Safety Research Group.

Mr. Pryor asked Chief Perez if he wanted to do this. Chief Perez said Mr. Pryor could do it and he could answer any questions.

Mr. Pryor wanted to highlight that most of the items that were audited were to make the department closer to NFPA compliance. Deficiencies primarily noted were poor staffing because they only have 2 on duty at all times. They feel that needs to be addressed. In the Staffing Employment and Findings. What that means if we have any increase in call volume we have to increase staffing. Another deficiency is the Fire Truck itself. They have been maintained; they are 23 and 22 years old. They are at the point that one of them is going to have to be replaced to keep compliant. That is something this group is going to have to discuss going forward. The Chief has already been pricing and spec'ing of the apparatus. Have to see what funding is available. USDA. This group will have to see how much money is available from Capital Expenditures to help pay for that. This is a huge expenditure. \$650,00.00. But it is one of the core components of the contract to keep compliance in. This is going to be a large discussion item going forward. Just wanted to put it on everybody's radar.

Chairperson Estatico – Would you look at buying a brand-new one or possibly a newer-used one that's 5-10 years old.

Chief Perez stated brand new.

Mr. Pryor stated the newer we buy, the more life we get out of it. Engine 5 operated for the Town for 38 years. Massive investments but also long term investments. We don't put a lot of miles on them. Believes the one we have now has 30-35 thousand miles on it.

Chief Perez said we maintain our vehicles. New truck would be the way to go.

Mr. Stilgenbauer had question about the staffing. What are we going to rely on. Be reactive or proactive on additional staffing.

Mr. Pryor – that all depend if we can afford to pay a third man. If the Town's revenues continue to improve that we would have to look at extending the Fire Dept Staffing. Volunteer staff just isn't practical anymore. This generation doesn't volunteer. We would have to add more professional staffing. The EIS states that if there is an increase in demand of Resolution expansions of their operations, then

Resolution would put out the funding for that gap. If we do it ourselves, we do it if money available and get best fire dept we can afford, not the one we need.

We have a steering committee which will have to be on the next council agenda. Council has 2 members and Resolution has 2 members. At cost increase they will meet and discuss costs. Tied to record of decision and this is currently on hold. He would have to look at Agreement for exact language.

Mr. Stilgenbauer asked how much money are we missing by not taking calls because we don't have a second crew to send out. Do we have any idea?

Chief Perez stated he would look into this. He will look at the numbers on that. One a month for sure.

Chairperson Estatico asked Chief Perez to email that information to Ruby so she can send it out to us. Said he could do that.

Mr. Stilgenbauer second question on the Engine discussion. That's going to be a lot of money we're talking about. Going to council for discussion? What the next step to get the ball rolling?

Mr. Pryor stated this is going to be a long process. The Chief has to determine a spec. Then have meetings with council. Have to apply for USDA funding. Six months to year to set up. Best scenario, we would be purchasing this in 2023.

Mr. Stilgenbauer concern is our we starting the ground work now to have the discussions in place in 2023.

Chief Perez is having meetings. Will have a couple more. Next month will have demo. So we have better idea at what we are looking at. City of Mesa and his brother have been helping him out.

Mr. Stilgenbauer asked if he could share some of those specs with the committee? Chief Perez replied yes.

Chairperson Estatico stated if you have another meeting, let's put that on the Agenda for next month.


Next Meeting date is April 15, 2021.

6. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion to adourn the meeting of the ESC made by Mr. Stilgenbauer, second by Ms. Lopez, Motion Carries. Meeting adourns at 6:17 PM.**

  
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Stephen Estatico, Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
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Ruby Cervantes, CMC Town Clerk