

DATE Tuesday August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015

# UNIFIED FIRE SERVICE AREA

**Special Meeting  
~ MINUTES~**

Midvale Fire Station 126  
607 East 7200 South  
Midvale, UT 84047

August 07, 2015

8:30 a.m.

(or Immediately Following UFA Board Meeting)

PRESENT: JOANN SEGhini (CHAIR)  
SAM GRANATO  
LARRY JOHNSON (electronically)  
BEN MCADAMS (electronically)  
RICHARD Snelgrove  
MATT ROBINSON (Electronically)

ABSENT: CHRISTOPHER PENGRA  
SHELDON STEWART

ALSO PRESENT: MICHAEL JENSEN, CHIEF; GAYLORD SCOTT, DEPUTY CHIEF; KARL HENDRICKSON, CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER; SHIRLEY PERKINS, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER; KANE LOADER, MIDVALE CITY MANAGER; MIKE WATSON, ASSISTANT CHIEF; GRIFFIN BENACHI; RYAN PERRY, CLERK

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Chair JoAnn Seghini presided.

**Chair Seghini** called the meeting to order at approximately 8:37 a.m.

## Public Comment:

**Griffin Benachi** -3974 S. 7200 W. in Magna – stated that I received my newest property assessment and have some questions. I also would like to find out why my

taxes have gone up so much. The first question is that in unincorporated County, we have the issue with the separate police fee. My question is that as I look through my property assessment, why do we have billings for water service?

**Chief Jensen** stated that where you live, you have Magna Water and Central Utah Water. What Central Utah Water does, is bring water in from the back of the Wasatch. Anything that deals with the Colorado River is what Central Utah Water is in charge of.

**Griffin Benachi** asked why is there a billing and a tax rate?

**Chief Jensen** stated that taxes usually go towards the infrastructure and the fee usually goes towards the usage. They try and keep the property taxes separate for the infrastructure. Magna also has some ground wells.

**Griffin Benachi** stated that the billing for police was illegal.

**Chief Jensen** stated that when police fee was imposed, it was legal; the legislature made it illegal after SLCO stopped charging it. It is not illegal for water.

**Griffin Benachi** stated that you take the basic water bill in the summer and you take the fees, you have around \$700 a year for water usage, for relatively small homes. The proposed notice increases, I have about a 10% increase over the past few years. I am on a limited budget and it takes a lot of my income. This is higher than my other utilities.

**Chief Jensen** stated that the water company does need to go through a set of public meetings to adopt any rates. On our Board agenda, we set a dollar amount every year on what we need to run our budget. When property owners get reductions from the state tax commission, it lowers the amount they pay. The judgment levy allows us to collect the amount of money we said we needed to run the District.

**Griffin Benachi** stated that his combined increase is \$125 and it is difficult. 10% a year is a lot of money. I would like to see why we need such an increase.

Public Hearing for the Consideration and Adoption of a Resolution Approving a Judgment Levy of .000010 to Pay Eligible Judgments Issued by the State Tax Commission and the Courts for the Period From June 1, 2014 through February 28, 2015:

**Trustee Snelgrove, seconded by Trustee McAdams, moved to open the public hearing. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

**Chief Jensen** stated that the previous comments should be taken into consideration on this item.

No further public comment was given

**Trustee Snelgrove, seconded by Chair Seghini, moved to close public hearing and adopt the resolution. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

**Trustee Snelgrove, seconded by Trustee Robinson, moved to adjourn.**

Adjourned at 8:50