Subj: **FINANCIAL REPORTS DON'T JIVE & PROJECTED BUDGET STILL UNEXPLAINED**
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THREE MONTHS OF DISCREPANCIES - HOW CAN THE FIRE DISTRICT BOARD TRACK IF THE DISTRICT IS OVER OR UNDER BUDGET AT THIS TIME?

During FY 2015-2016, CDO has reviewed the three separate cash flow projections reports most recently reviewed and approved by the Fire District Board: July, August, and September.

The CDO Board has compared the Profit and Loss monthly data that staff copies from Quick Books Accounting Software to the Actuals used in the Cash Flow monthly report prepared by the Treasurer. CDO believes that the numbers used for Income, Expenses, and Total Net Income should be the same for a given month in both reports. The last column in the illustration below indicates the discrepancies in the numbers used during each month. We are interested in hearing if our assumption is in error from those readers who are experienced in accounting: info@cdonewsletter.com.

NO DISCUSSION AT FIRE DISTRICT MEETING BEFORE APPROVING 2016-2017 PROJECTED BUDGET WITH UNEXPLAINED ACCOUNT BALANCES

During the Nov. 2nd Ratification Meeting that started at 18:33 and ended at 18:38, no questions in CDO's last news article were answered. (Click here for article).

No rationale was provided the public as to how the Board plans on adjusting the current level of expenses for this fiscal year in order to justify the $80,000 inflated account balances used in the projected budget.

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1	JULY	Profit and Loss - copied from Quick Books Accounting Software by F.D. Staff	Actuals - Cash Flow Projection Report Prepared by Treasurer	DISCREPANCY BETWEEN NUMBER USED IN BOTH REPORTS
2	Income	4,942.08	4,827.19	114.89
3	Expenses	28,011.92	35,855.02	(7,843.10)
4	Total Net Income	(23,069.84)	(31,027.83)	7,957.99
5	Significant Math Error Evident		Yes: $9,076.57	
6	Board Members Approving:	Mark Lee, Jerry Conrad, Mary Bowen		
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8	AUGUST	Profit and Loss	Cash Flow/Actuals	DISCREPANCY
9	Income	8,275.18	6,895.91	1,379.27
10	Expenses	26,480.51	22,114.89	4,365.62
11	Total Net Income	(18,205.33)	(15,218.98)	(2,986.35)
12	Significant Math Error Evident			
13	Board Members Approving	Mark Lee, Sue Dupee, Jerry Conrad		
14				
15	SEPTEMBER	Profit and Loss	Cash Flow/Actuals	DISCREPANCY
16	Income	24,607.11	8,727.27	15,879.84
17	Expenses	32,706.55	16,903.81	15,802.74
18	Total Net Income	(8,099.44)	(8,176.54)	77.10
19	Significant Math Error Evident			
20	Board Members Approving	Mark Lee, Sue Dupee, Mary Bowen		

If numbers copied by Staff from Quick Books Accounting Software do not agree with those used by the Treasurer as the Actual Amount for Income, Expenses, and Net Income, how can the public have any confidence when a comparison is then made between Actuals and Monthly Projections by the F.D. Board?

CDO was unable to review/obtain previous projection records from FY 2014-2015. 86 days after requesting to review "Cash Projection" records mentioned on each month's agenda, CDO was told that all available records were provided – in this instance, no arrangements were made to allow review of these particular records, none were provided. According to the State Ombudsman, if no records are provided, records must not exist.

The Ratification Meeting had been called as a result of the F.D. Board neglecting to approve this projection as required by state statute before submitting to the County by August lst.

Chair Mark Lee provided Board Members with detail written information that acknowledged CDO requested the 2-year budget comparison be placed on a public venue so that several questions could be answered regarding numbers used for the projected 2016-2017 budget.

Chief Moran brought the corrected heading on the projected budget to the Board Members' attention regarding the new approval date. Mary Bowen, Treasurer, immediately made a motion to approve, seconded by Sue Dupee. Chair Lee immediately called for a vote without asking if there was any discussion or opening the floor to the public. Motion quickly passed 3-0. Meeting closed. Click here to listen to 5

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minute meeting.

The CDO Board of Directors sincerely hope that the inflated account balances are discussed in a future meeting. With increased taxes being projected, the public should be given a reasonable explanation for the inflated account balances and what adjustments are being considered.

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