

PONDEROSA SPRINGS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

General Meeting October 25, 2025

At 11:25 am, President Kaja-Anne Jezycki welcomed all attendees to the meeting and called the meeting to order, then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approximately 52 people were in attendance. The group enjoyed a full potluck lunch.

Secretary Tom Hiscox summarized the minutes from last year's meeting. These minutes are posted on the PSCA website. There was no discussion and a motion to approve last year's minutes was made, seconded, and approved by voice vote.

Treasurer Jerris Jones then presented the financial report (attached). Our finances remain strong with low expenses. Our ending checking account balance is \$13,787.66. Jerris reported that he shifted all banking online, reducing expenses even further and allowing deposits by phone. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made, seconded, and approved by voice vote.

Susan Keown, Vice President and longtime resident in Ponderosa Springs has resigned as Vice President of PSCA. Susan and her husband Bill English have relocated to Camp Verde. President Kaja gave a sincere note of appreciation and thanks to Susan and Bill for all they have done for our neighborhood. Susan and Bill were present and on behalf of the organization were recognized and presented with a gift.

The meeting then moved to filling the vacant Vice President position. One nomination for Robin Shearer was received in response to an earlier email and Kaja opened the floor to additional nominations. Receiving no further nominations, Robin Shearer was then elected by acclamation as the new PSCA Vice President.

Jason Stephens, Community Relations Project Manager from the Arizona Department of Transportation was then introduced to present information on the project to complete the 4-lane expansion of the Lion Spring section of highway 260. The highway will be expanded to four lanes coming out of Star Valley through the Diamond Point subdivision and meeting up with the already four lane divided highway into Preacher Canyon. All approvals and plans have been completed, and funding is in place to start this year. At the end of September 2025 invitations to bid were sent out to potential contractors. These bids will be received in January 2026 and a contractor will be selected. Work is expected to start in the spring as soon as weather permits. The project will take three years to complete as work will stop in the winter months.

Jason described some of the design features of the new road. There will be three wildlife crossing, one overhead and two under the highway. The existing two-lane road through Diamond Point will be retained as a frontage road. A short question and answer period with Jason followed his presentation.

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Further project information including a video of the future roadway is available on the highway department website: <https://azdot.gov/projects> . Jason can also be reached to answer questions at: jstephens@azdot.gov

The next agenda item was a discussion of an association event for 2026. Raking our pine needles in the spring is a work intensive project for all homeowners. We are investigating ways the association could support the cleanup by organizing a local collection site for homeowners to dispose of their needles. The fire department has a trailer that can be rented for a nominal fee and then will be taken to the burn pit. The association event would not replace this but add an additional resource to help with the disposal. This idea was discussed and strongly endorsed by the group for further study and development.

Linda Price from the CKFD Firebelles gave an update on their activities. The Firebelles strongly support the fire department by holding fund raising activities to purchase necessary equipment not otherwise available. They are always looking for volunteers. Events include a car show, ice cream social, and holiday events. They also work with the department to obtain grants to fund equipment and training. The Firebelles have fire blankets for sale which are very good to have in your house.

Our fire chief Rhett Connolly was able to attend the meeting and talked to us about current events with our fire department. Chief Connolly first expressed his appreciation to the Firebelles for their support, and emphasized their financial support helps keep the tax levies constant in the face of rising costs. We survived the 2025 fire season with no big fire events in our area. He mentioned the program to supply the trailer to residents to remove needles and the importance of keeping other trash and bags out of the trailer else we lose our disposal privileges. The department applied for two grants during the year, and one for paramedic training was approved, and other for a water tender is still being processed. Finally, they have investigated installing a septic system at our fire house but the soil conditions were found to be poor and would require an alternative more expensive system for which we don't have the money.

There was then an open question and answer period which had the following items:

- Regarding the poor condition of our roads, a member reported that Gila County has promised to grade the roads before winter.
- There was a suggestion regarding installing an entrance sign.
- The group was asked if anyone was having any issues with their homeowner's insurance and no one responded. The CKFD keeps a list of insurance brokers who will issue policies in our area.

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- There was a suggestion about gravel in front of the mailboxes to prevent puddles, mud and ice. It's not clear who owns the area in front of the mailboxes.
- There was a comment that the meeting this year was late in the year and suggested that certain residents couldn't attend. The board will consider that for next year's meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:38pm

Submitted,



Tom Hiscox, Secretary

For any questions, please email us at ponderosaspringscommunityassn@gmail.com

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Treasurer Report

Oct 23 2025

Beginning Balance (Sept 30, 2024) **13987.76**

Deposits	Membership Dues	880
	Balance	14867.76

Expenses	AZ Corp Commision	10
	Go Daddy	23.19
	WIX	370.96
	Taxes Preparation Expense	200
	Bank Paper Statements*	36
	AZ Corp Commission Fees	70
	Food for 2024 Annual Meeting	369.95

Total Expenses **1080.1**

Ending Balance (Oct 23, 2025) **13787.66**

Treasurer
Jerris Jones

*Eliminated expense going forward with online bank statements