

SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 21

Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting
Monday, May 14, 2018 @6:30 p.m. @Station 49
12131 228th Street NE, Arlington, WA 98223

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Chairman Nordstrom.

Attendees: Chairman Eric Nordstrom, Commissioners Dave Safford & Ed Taft, Fire Chief Chad Schmidt, Executive Assistant Darla Tiner. There were 5 Citizens present.

Flag Salute: The flag salute was led by Chairman Nordstrom.

Agenda Approval: The Agenda was accepted.

Public Comment: None

Consent Agenda:

- 1) Approval of minutes from April 9, 2018, Special meeting
- 2) Approval of minutes from April 23, 2018, Regular meeting
- 3) Payroll: Feb. = \$36,770.57
- 4) Financials: \$18,409.77

Commissioner Taft made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items 1–4 as presented; Commissioner Safford seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Chief Schmidt will break down the payroll by employee category going forward.

Old Business:

Board Retreat – Chairman Nordstrom gave an update of the Board’s May 5th Retreat meeting. Reported on the presentation by Doug Kunzman regarding Process Improvement and Effective Leadership. Doug has volunteered to be part of the District’s Pro Committee for the Fire Levy Lid Lift.

District Fire Levy – Special Edition – Chief Schmidt reported that everything was turned into the County to have the Levy Lid Lift on the August Primary Ballot. He reported that PIO Liz Loomis is too busy to take the District on as a client at this time. Discussion of options for getting out the needed information regarding the Lid Lift to the public. Possibly hold pancake breakfast and barbeque events to reach the public with District information. Talk of distributing a Fact card.

Station 50 Designation – The SNOCO Fire Chiefs did not like some of the language in the station naming resolution. Chief Schmidt will rewrite it and it will be presented again to the SNOCO Fire Chiefs for a vote at their June meeting. Suggested to use “Home of Future Fire Station” on sign by construction site.

New Business:

Resolution 2018-04 New Countywide 911 Radio System – Already voted on at the March 12th meeting. Resolution voided.

Resolution 2018-05 – Command Vehicle Purchase – Chief Schmidt located a used Dodge Durango to be used as a command vehicle for the District. Total cost approximately \$25,000 including tax. Tulalip Bay FD has offered to buy one of the District’s vehicles for \$12,000. District will also sell the Tahoe and Escape. All this will bring the cost of the Dodge Durango to approximately \$9,000. Chief will check on the warranty. Asst. Chief Smith will keep his Tahoe at Station 49 to be used to respond in.

Chairman Nordstrom made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-05 – Command Vehicle Purchase with the condition to declare surplus the Tahoe and Escape vehicles; Commissioner Safford seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Affairs Liz Loomis – Discussed under Unfinished Business.

Chief/Secretary Reports:

- Safer Grant – Will create 3 positions if the Levy passes. Would be a savings of \$591,000.
- GEMT – Medicaid reimbursement program will get the District approximately \$15,000 - \$20,000.
- Calls –
 - April = 74 Calls
 - Fire = 12 @39%
 - EMS = 42 @57%
 - Cancelled = 18
 - May to-date = 36 Calls
 - Fire = 4
 - EMS = 32
 - Average Response Time
 - 2017 = 8.37 minutes
 - 2018 to-date = 6.56 minutes
 - 2017 = 13.5 minutes 90% of the time. Currently 12.27 minutes – partly because doing own transports now.
- Fire Call Sunday night – Victim found inside home, transported. Arlington FD did a fantastic job. Several other agencies also assisted. Location of new station will be more beneficial to this area.
- Annual Report – Will be reviewed and then distributed.
- Have completed the “Course of Action” for the District’s future. The three options were:
 - Stay with current practice with Arlington FD
 - Build a new station at the South end
 - Join an RFA

Chief has determined that it is in the best interest of the District to continue with the course the Board is pursuing of building a new station at the South end.

Commissioner Reports:

- Commissioner Safford reported on the SNO-ISLE meeting. The Red Cross gave a presentation. They will hand out fire alarms to fire districts to distribute to citizens.
- Dispatch Merger – The merger of SNOPAC & SNOCOM has eliminated the 40 second call transfer delay. Estimated savings of merger \$500,000.

- Commissioner Safford unable to attend the June 21st meeting. Needs someone to replace him.
- District would like to host a meeting in 2019.

Public Comment: Question of if District is actively looking for more Volunteers – Yes. Terry Johnson offered to make signs soliciting Volunteers. Laura Hofmann thanked the Board for going through the process with the Cushman Module. She also knows a potential person to help the District with their media coverage for the Levy Lid Lift. Will follow up on that.

Executive Session: None

Announcements:

- Next Commissioner meeting on Monday, June 11, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. at Station 49

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Minutes Approved By:

Chairman Nordstrom

Commissioner Safford

Commissioner Taft

Fire Chief/Board Secretary Schmidt