

SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 21

Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting
Monday, October 15, 2018 @6:30 p.m. @Station 49
12131 228th Street NE, Arlington, WA 98223

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. by Commissioner Safford.

Attendees: Commissioners Dave Safford & Ed Taft, Fire Chief Chad Schmidt and Executive Assistant Darla Tiner. There were 3 Crew and 4 Citizens present. Chairman Nordstrom was excused due to work schedule.

Flag Salute: The flag salute was led by Chief Schmidt.

Special Guest Speaker – Anderson Drilling Representative – Did not attend.

Public Comment: Citizen Scotty thanked the Board and the District for all they do. Citizen Laura thanked the District for allowing her to participate in the hiring process of the new fulltime firefighters. Commissioner Safford thanked everyone involved in the hiring process.

Consent Agenda:

- 1) Approval of minutes from September 10, 2018, Regular meeting
- 2) Approval of minutes from September 22, 2018, Special meeting
- 3) Payroll: September = \$37,267.44
- 4) Financials: \$30,374.03 – Executive Assistant Tiner will investigate late charges on the copier bill.

Commissioner Taft made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items 1–4 as presented; Commissioner Safford seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Old Business:

Audit Update – Waiting to hear from the Auditors.

Hiring Process Update – Chief Schmidt announced that three people were selected to fill the three fulltime firefighter positions: Vivek Patel, Kristian Koeppen and Trent Nunemaker. Their start date is January 1, 2019. A hiring list was created with the other qualified candidates.

Commissioner Taft moved to approve the hiring of the three approved firefighter candidates, plus the established hiring list; Commissioner Safford seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Chief Schmidt presented his desire to send qualified members to the Snohomish County Fire Academy. The cost would be approximately \$7,000 each. Discussion held regarding other payment options, such as students paying their own way. Suggestion that, if District pays tuition, student would sign a statement that they give a minimum of two years to the District or pay back the tuition. Board will make a decision at the next meeting in November with a full Board. The next Fire Academy class starts February of 2019.

Station 50 – Chief Schmidt gave an update.

- Will meet with driller at the site to evaluate the possibility of a well. Engineering for water main on hold until after this meeting.
- Moving forward with using TCA as the Architect for both Sta. 50 and the Sta. 49 remodel. This will be a cost savings.

Station 49 Remodel - Best option at this time is to add walls to create bedrooms. Then partner with the Community Club to remodel their facility so can also be used for District meetings and training. Will benefit both the District and the Community.

2019 Proposed Budget – This was covered at the Board’s Workshop. Commissioner Safford stated that it looked good.

City Contract – Chief Schmidt reported that the City is not interested in the Part Time sharing proposal. Other options were discussed.

Commissioner Taft asked about the direct deposit payroll problem. Chief Schmidt explained problem and that it was being corrected.

Question on disposal of surplus vehicles. District #15 no longer interested in purchasing them. Captain Bates will advertise them in the Daily Dispatch, the paper and our website.

Surplus SCBS’s not wanted by anyone. The jail requested them at no cost. Chief agreed to give them to the jail. The District’s Attorney will draw up the proper paperwork.

New Business –

Legislative Day – January 24, 2019 – Moved to the next meeting.

Chief/Secretary Reports:

- WSRB coming out next week to evaluate the District.
- Reported on meeting with the City regarding fire service for the South District and their expected compensation. Will meet again in two weeks to discuss further. The District could ask Getchell Fire to cover the area.

Commissioner Reports: - Nothing to report.

Executive Session: None

Announcements:

- Next Regular Commissioner meeting on Monday, November 12, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. at Station 49 – Draft 2019 Budget Presentation, Draft Resolutions and Public Hearing
- Next meeting – Executive Session to evaluate and discuss the Fire Chief’s Contract

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Minutes Approved By:

Chairman Nordstrom

Commissioner Safford

Commissioner Taft

Fire Chief/Board Secretary Schmidt