

SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 21

Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting
Monday, February 11, 2019 @6:30 p.m. @Station 49
12131 228th Street NE, Arlington, WA 98223

Call to Order: Chairman Safford called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Attendees: Chairman Safford, Commissioners Eric Nordstrom & Ed Taft, Fire Chief Chad Schmidt via Facetime. There were four Crew present and one Citizen present.

Flag Salute: Commissioner Taft led the flag salute.

Public Comment: Citizen Laura Hoffman gave an update on the Arlington Heights Community Club and installation of heat pumps.

Consent Agenda:

- 1) Approval of minutes from January 21, 2019, Regular meeting
- 2) Approval of minutes from February 4, 2019, Special meeting
- 3) Payroll: January = \$63,403.20
- 4) Financials: \$43,267.73

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

Old Business:

Station 50 Update –

- Commissioner Nordstrom gave an update on the water main issue.
- Commissioner Taft discussed issue of civil engineering consultant.
- Chief Schmidt discussed bond counsel and lending options.
- Commissioner Taft stated he would be willing to act as Project Manager pending legality and statutory limits (auditor issues).

Station 49 Remodel – Chief Schmidt presented two contractor bids; will seek out a third one.

New Business –

Resolution 2019-03 – Surplus Obsolete Equipment –

Commissioner Nordstrom made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-03 – Surplus Obsolete Equipment; Chairman Safford seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Chelan Conference – Class on 5/31/2019 – Chairman Safford explained the class offered the day before the Chelan Conference starts, regarding “Your Role in Preventing Legal Fires.”

Awards Banquet – Chief Schmidt explained that, due to the adverse weather conditions, the Awards Banquet scheduled for Saturday, February 9th, has been rescheduled to Saturday, March 9th.

Chief/Secretary Reports:

- Firefighters have done an excellent job, and were very well prepared, during the recent snow storms.
- The diesel tank on E-49 was damaged and is in the process of being repaired.

Commissioner Reports:

- Citizen Ben Taft fixed some leaks in lines on A-49 for chains while he was at the Station plowing the parking lot.
- Chairman Safford gave a report on his attendance at Legislative Day in Olympia and his meetings with Legislators.
- Commissioner Taft inquired about the SNO-ISLE meeting schedule.
- Chairman Safford praised the backfill of volunteers on out-of-district calls so as to allow Shift Firefighters to remain available in-house.

Executive Session: Chairman Safford excused the Board into Executive Session at 8:37 p.m. to review the performance of a public employee per RCW 42.30.110(g). It was expected to last until 8:52 p.m. At 8:52 p.m. the Board emerged from Executive Session and returned to Regular Session.

New Business – cont'd. –

Chief Schmidt Review and Salary – Chairman Safford discussed a salary increase based on the Chief's reviews.

Commissioner Nordstrom made a motion to increase Chief Schmidt's salary to \$65,000/year without benefit, retroactive to January 1, 2019; Commissioner Taft seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Chairman Safford discussed the desire to move towards a fulltime Fire Chief position and the pros and cons of this idea.

Announcements:

- Next Regular Commissioner meeting on Monday, March 11, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. at Station 49

Adjournment: There being no further business, Chairman Safford moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Commissioner Nordstrom

Minutes Approved By:

Chairman Safford

Commissioner Nordstrom

Commissioner Taft

Fire Chief/Board Secretary Schmidt