

SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 21

Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 7, 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 6:30 p.m.

Attendees: Chairman Safford, Commissioners Eric Nordstrom & Ed Taft, Fire Chief Chad Schmidt and Executive Assistant Tiner. There were 12 Crew and 4 Citizens present.

Flag Salute: Commissioner Taft led the flag salute.

Consent Agenda:

- 1) Approval of minutes from April 8, 2019, Regular meeting
- 2) Approval of minutes from April 15, 2019, Special meeting
- 3) Payroll: April = \$96,031.57
- 4) Financials: \$167,832.00

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

Chief Schmidt reported that the unpaid Storm Drain tax happened during the time the previous Secretary was off. It has been taken care of. Also, the late fees and charges on the Visa card bill have been removed. Executive Assistant Tiner reported that she requested a different due date for the bill so that it will not be consistently late. Discussion/clarification on some other bills. Concern expressed that the copier lease was reported on the wrong budget line. Chief Schmidt explained the budget line being used is correct as the copier is also a communication device with scanning and faxing abilities and the budget line being used will better accommodate it.

Old Business:

Station 50/TCA Update –

- Chief Schmidt, Chairman Safford and Project Manager Vicki Cargile met with TCA to discuss continued working relations. TCA expressed their main concern is the time delay. They agreed to stay on with the project but everything needs to move forward in a timely manner; and they want only two points of contact with the District to lessen confusion. Project Manager Cargile will be the main point of contact, with Chief Schmidt as the secondary. Should have the layout to review at the next meeting, and possible approve. She and TCA will work on the Geotech study.
- The Site Plan is complete.
- TCA is okay if the District uses their own Geotech. PM Cargile stated we will not need an RFQ. Chief will also check with the District's attorney.
- Creating the area behind the Station into a hose testing area.
- Leaving a tree line buffer around the Station. May also create some walking trails for the public.

Station 50 Water Main –

- Commissioner Nordstrom has been speaking with the City regarding the water main.
- David Evans will handle the water line work.

Station 49 Remodel –

- Received two construction bids. They will also prepare a bid for adding on the bedrooms behind the Station.

New Business –

Signage for Station 49 – It was suggested that, with the remodel of Station 49, that a “Station 49” sign be put on the front of the station, could be part of the cost of the remodel. Chief Schmidt will get someone to design a sign. It was the consensus of the Board to obtain a designation sign for the Station.

SR530 Construction Projects – Commissioner Nordstrom handed out a list of construction projects along SR530 this summer.

City of Arlington Contract for Fire Coverage for South Side for 2019 & 2020 – Since the District will be paying a flat fee for services to the City, will go ahead and let them handle smoke/burn complaints on the South Side. Chief will confirm with Chief Kraski.

Chief/Secretary Reports:

- FF Nich Welch has taken over managing the District’s Facebook page and Public Education events.
- FF Branden Bates received a commendation letter from the Sheriff’s office for the SCBA donation.
- Snohomish County finally approved Chief Schmidt’s status as a certified Paramedic for Snohomish County. He will respond as a Paramedic, but he will not handle transports.
- Union contract is almost done. Should be finalized by the next meeting. Meetings have been very productive, kudos to the guys. Then will bring the contract to the Board. Chairman Safford would like to attend the final meetings.
- District #15 has offered their Rescue Unit for use until it snows because they will need the 4 wheel capability back. We will use our Escape to haul the water craft.
- Camano Fire has a surplused ambulance that I’m hoping we can swap the Tahoe for.

Commissioner Reports:

- Commissioner Nordstrom thanked Nich Welch for stepping up to handle the PIO events and FB.
- Chairman Safford attended District 7’s Station 3 ribbon cutting ceremony. Learned a lot about the process of their project; and also studied how they handled their ceremony.
- Commissioner Taft would like more day-to-day operations information shared at the Board meetings.

Public Input

- A Citizen voiced concern over the loudness of the diesel exhaust brakes when Crews drive the Engine back into the station. Chief said they can address that issue.
- Citizen also asked Commissioner Taft how he can do burns without a permit. Commissioner Taft stated that he will not discuss that at the meeting.

Executive Session: None

Announcements:

- Next Regular Commissioner meeting Monday, June 10, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. at Station 49.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Minutes Approved By:

Chairman Safford

Commissioner Nordstrom

Commissioner Taft

Fire Chief/Board Secretary Schmidt