

## **SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 21**

Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting  
Monday, June 10, 2019 @6:30 p.m. @Station 49  
12131 228<sup>th</sup> Street NE, Arlington, WA 98223

**Call to Order:** Chairman Safford called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

**Attendees:** Chairman Safford, Commissioners Eric Nordstrom & Ed Taft, Fire Chief Chad Schmidt via Facetime and Executive Assistant Tiner. There were 2 Crew and 2 Guests present.

**Flag Salute:** Chairman Safford led the flag salute.

### **Consent Agenda:**

- 1) Approval of minutes from May 7, 2019, Regular meeting
- 2) Payroll: May = \$73,787.07
- 3) Financials: \$122,245.63 – Executive Assistant Tiner will speak with Comcast regarding “Arlington City Fire Dept.” comment on back of bill.

***Commissioner Nordstrom made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items 1–3 as amended; Commissioner Taft seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.***

### **Old Business:**

#### **Station 50 Update –**

- Project Manager Cargile working with David Evans and the City on the water main.
- Station drawings not quite complete. Should be done in about two weeks. A total cost estimate will be done once the drawings are completed.
- Geotech will begin the soil testing soon.
- A Special Meeting will be held on July 1, 2019, at 5:30pm at Station 49 to open bids for the Station 49 remodel.

#### **Station 49 Remodel –**

- The bid for the recent evaluation done for the addition of bedrooms at the back of Station 49 has been delayed due to an emergency with the contractor. But he felt it will be over \$200,000 and the Chief does not feel this is in the District’s budget. Our District Attorney suggested we place a classified ad for sealed bids for the remodel of the existing station. The Board discussed his proposal and determined that it is important to move forward with the project and use the Community Club for meetings and training. The Volunteer Association will work with Club members to help maintain the Club facilities.

***Chairman Safford made a motion to go out to bid for the remodel of the interior of Station 49; Commissioner Taft seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.***

Commissioner Taft to review the drawings before going out to bid.

### **New Business –**

**EMS Levy** – Discussion on the need to go out for an EMS levy lid lift for the November elections to raise the levy from .33 cents back up to .50 cents. Discussion of a permanent or renewable levy. Have Resolution drawn up and approved by District’s Attorney and give to the Board at the July meeting.

**Chief/Secretary Reports:**

- Apparatus Report –
  - E49 – Gasket leak fixed.
  - E49A – Went down a narrow driveway and a stump damaged part of the side step – repaired.
  - T49 – Ready for wildland fire deployment. Employees available to deploy/backfill. State covers the District's costs.
- Equipment Report –
  - Need new extrication equipment.
  - Purchase 10 new SCBA masks.
- Grants -
  - Trying for a grant with Darrington Fire and Silvana Fire Department for new SCBA equipment or need to budget to purchase it within the next three years.
  - Need to purchase filters for exhaust pipes on both Engines and Tender. Approximate cost \$32,000 for the three because we do not have an HVAC system.
  - Asked Stillaguamish Tribe for \$121,000 grant for:
    - 1 Ton Pick-up flatbed Truck
    - 1 Hovercraft
    - 1 ATV

Signed ILA with the City of Arlington for Fire services. Crews have been training with Arlington firefighters. The City has been requesting our Aid car more often for calls. Chairman Safford asked if the City pays the District when the District transports out of their area like we pay for them to transport out of our area. Chief stated no, that it is considered Mutual Aid.

Chief reported on recent all District meeting:

- It was a good meeting with discussions on the District's Mission, Core Values and moving forward. Lots of good questions, and good food.
- Crews would like to fix up the old baseball park behind Sta. 49 for use.
- The Volunteer Association is looking to participate more with the Community Club, helping mow, etc. Help the Club to be sustainable. Important to be part of the Community.

**Commissioner Reports:**

- Who is interested in attending the WFCFA Annual Conference in October? All three Commissioners.
- Chairman Safford asked about a pinning ceremony for the two employees who just graduated from EMT and Fire training. Suggest it be a more formal and memorable ceremony and to hold it at the Community Club instead of before a Board meeting. Would also like to do years of service pins, e.g. 1, 5, 10, etc.
- Chelan Report – Attendees reported that it was a very good seminar. Good information from Public Relations Liz Loomis regarding staying in touch with the Public at all times, not just when needs something. Do a periodic newsletter and talk about general information, not regarding any levies.

**Public Input**

- Why are there two Command Rigs? 1 is surplus out and 1 is to be traded with District #15 for a Rescue Rig.
- Why doesn't the District build a 2<sup>nd</sup> story at Station 49 and place the living quarters there? Chief explained the additional cost to do this, including the requirement to add an elevator to accommodate this. That would be additional cost, and the elevator shaft would take up some of the existing floorplan.
- Why haven't the demo cars been picked up? There was some confusion as to when this was to be handled.
- Firefighter N. Welch announced the Pancake Breakfast, have sent out flyers everywhere. Chief explained that FF Nick Welch is the District's new Social media person and is doing a great job.

**Executive Session:** The Board recessed at 7:45 p.m. and immediately went into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations per RCW 42.30.140(4)(a). It was expected to last until 7:55 p.m. At 7:55 p.m. the Board emerged from Executive Session with no action taken and returned to their Regular Meeting.

Discussion held regarding the failure to obtain a raise for the State Volunteer Pension program.

Commissioner Nordstrom announced a possible District-wide barbeque event to be held at his home in August for all employees and their families, for everyone to get to know each other.

**Announcements:**

- Next Regular Commissioner meeting Monday, July 15, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. at Station 49.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, Commissioner Taft moved to adjourn the meeting at 8: p.m.

**Minutes Approved By:**

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Chairman Safford

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Commissioner Nordstrom

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Commissioner Taft

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Fire Chief/Board Secretary Schmidt