

SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 21

Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting
Monday, August 12, 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 6:32 p.m.

Attendees: Chairman Safford, Commissioners Eric Nordstrom & Ed Taft and Executive Assistant Tiner. There was 1 Crew and 2 Guests present.

Flag Salute: Commissioner Taft led the flag salute.

Public Input: None

Consent Agenda:

- 1) Approval of minutes from July 15, 2019, Regular meeting
- 2) Approval of minutes from July 22, 2019, Special meeting
- 3) Payroll: July = \$97,416.52
- 4) Financials: \$26,878.57

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

Old Business:

Station 50 Update – In Chief's report.

Station 49 Remodel – In Chief's report.

New Business – None

Chief/Secretary Reports:

- Apparatus Report –
 - Will be inspecting a new fire engine soon. We've had discussions regarding getting either a tender/engine or a new fire engine. There's a cost difference of \$150,000 - \$200,000. Since we currently have a tender and a tender/engine, we can pursue a new fire engine.
 - We are still specking a new hovercraft, 1 ton truck and will purchase a side-by-side shortly. The hovercraft and side-by-side will be mounted on the same trailer for rapid access to launch areas.
- We are set to move forward with our EMS levy for the November election. The Community groups and the Union will be putting up voting signs throughout the Community soon. I will remind the Crews regarding what is and what is not appropriate to say regarding the Levy and voting.
- Station 50 –
 - Progressing well. Currently working on a waterline, wetlands mitigation and Station cost estimate. We have meetings scheduled with the Architects and the County and City.

- Commissioner Taft suggested possibly looking at other property without water issues. Had approved current location if it was cost effective. Does not feel it may still be cost effective. Suggested looking at adjacent property that has 2 wells on it.
- Station 49 – The remodel contract was awarded to Kevin Claborn and the permitting process has started. Claborn Construction complied with all the requirements.
- I would like to remind the Commissioners that there is a Chain of Command that the Firefighters should be following if there are issues. It is inappropriate for any Firefighter to go around the Chain of Command and there can be disciplinary actions taken if this happens.
- The Board held a discussion regarding the recent concern of both the Fire Chief and the Assistant Fire Chief being on vacation at the same time and the apparent lack of leadership in the District. Chairman Safford stated that he had a discussion with the Fire Chief about communication and the coordination of absences among the Chiefs and that the Board is aware of schedules.
- Discussion of the Chief's plan to have a Captain from Arlington Fire work at Station 49 and have one of our Firefighters work in the City. Would be good training and experience for both and would give the District a Captain on duty. Commissioner Taft suggested sending a Volunteer into the City instead, but was told that the person would need to have FF1 and EMT license to do so. He suggested that maybe should move the Volunteers towards training for these certifications.

Commissioner Reports:

- Discussion on the attendance at the WFOA Annual October Conference at Tulalip Resort. Executive Assistant stated that all are scheduled to attend, but need to let her know which sessions and meals they would like to attend. She will contact everyone later this week to confirm desires.
- Commissioner Taft would like to schedule a Saturday retreat/workshop to discuss the roles of the Board and the Chief, as he feels there is some confusion. The rest of the Board agreed. Each was tasked with bringing a list of their agenda suggestions for this Retreat to the next Board meeting.

Public Input: None

Announcements:

- Next Regular Commissioner meeting Monday, September 9, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. at Station 49.

Executive Session: The Chair recessed the meeting at 7:13 p.m. and the Board went into Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. to discuss Land Acquisition per RCW 42.30.110(1)(b). It was expected to last until 7:30 p.m. At 7:30 p.m. the Board emerged from Executive Session and immediately returned to Regular Session with no action taken.

Commissioner Taft asked if changes could be made to Station 50's floorplan once it has been approved. It was explained that there can always be changes, dependent on the extensiveness of those changes. He wishes to combine the Day Room and the Meeting Room to save costs. Chairman Safford explained that doing so would give the public access to the rest of the fire station in the event the Crews need to respond to a call. This would not be a secure situation.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Minutes Approved By:

Chairman Safford

Commissioner Nordstrom

Commissioner Taft

Fire Chief/Board Secretary Schmidt