

SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 21

Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting

Monday, February 10, 2020 @6:30 p.m.

@Arlington Heights Improvement Club

Call to Order: Chairman Taft called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Attendees: Chairman Taft, Commissioners Nordstrom & Safford, Asst. Chief Smith and Executive Assistant Tiner. There was 3 Crew and 2 Citizens present.

Flag Salute: Chairman Taft led the flag salute.

Public Input:

1. Citizen Terry Johnson asked about the status of building start date of Station 50.
2. Citizen Laura Hofmann reported that, due to the Coronavirus, there is a shortage of N95 Masks.

Consent Agenda:

- 1) Approval of minutes from January 15, 2020, Regular meeting
- 2) Payroll: January = \$112,017.89
- 3) Financials: \$133,972.83

Commissioner Safford made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items 1–3 as presented.

Commissioner Nordstrom seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Old Business:

Station 50 Update – Asst. Chief Smith reported:

- Chief Schmidt is still trying to meet with the City regarding the water situation. Commissioner Safford suggested to the Chief that he take Bob Campbell, previous District Consultant, to the Water meeting as he has worked with the City before. It was the consensus of the Board that Commissioner Nordstrom also attend the meeting as a Board Representative.
- Still waiting on estimate from Taylor Excavation.

Station 49 Remodel – Moved to end of meeting to conduct a walk-through.

Brush Truck Estimates – Approve Purchase – Chief Schmidt received the best and least expensive bid from Roy Robinson Chevrolet of \$61,000, of which \$34,000 is covered by the Tribal Grant, with the District paying \$27,000. Discussion held regarding the clearance beneath the brush truck. Discussion also held regarding the storage of all the District's Rigs at Station 49. Currently working on plans to have covers for all Rigs. The DNR Grant will cover the cost of the Skid Unit.

Commissioner Safford made a motion to approve the purchase of the Brush Truck from Roy Robinson Chevrolet at a cost of \$61,000, of which the District will pay \$27,000 and the Tribal Grant will cover \$34,000, with the caveat that the clearance beneath the truck is sufficient. Commissioner Nordstrom seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.

New Business:

Workshop – The Board decided to hold a Workshop on Saturday, April 11, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. at the Arlington Heights Improvement Club. Would like an update with the Cushman model presented.

Chief/Secretary Reports:

- Apparatus Report –
 - Silvana FD ready to return the District's 1987 Tender that they had borrowed. Citizen Terry Johnson is interested in purchasing it if the District surpluses it.
 - Squad 49 is now in service.
 - The new Hovercraft will be back soon.
 - The old Hovercraft needs its engine rebuilt. Once the new Unit is in service, the old one will be repaired and will be used for training.
- Grants –
 - Still working on the SCBA grant to be turned in.
 - Chief Schmidt would like to apply for a SAFER Grant for Station 50. Would have new employees start working in January of 2021. They will be trained to take over at Station 50 once it is in Service. Discussion held on how the staffing will work during this time. The Cushman Model will help with working out the staffing.

Commissioner Report –

- Commissioner Safford attended Legislative Day in Olympia on January 28th. Reported on some Bills before the Legislator of importance to the Fire District:
 - Bill to increase benefits and pay for Volunteer Firefighters still on the table.
 - Bill to allow Boards to go from 5 to 7 members.
 - Current Fire Training Academy needs upgrades.
 - All five groups – Unions, Volunteers, Chiefs, Commissioners, Legislators – all working together on these bills.
 - Current L&I rules imposed fines that affect rescue efforts. They received a lot of backlash for this, so rule was modified.
- Commissioner Safford encouraged the rest of the Board to attend the next Legislative Day.
- Chelan – Commissioner Safford will attend the Risk Management Seminar.
 - Chairman Taft witnessed a FD drive their Engine over the curb. Stressed the importance of not doing that, except in an emergency, because it can damage the tires.
 - Commissioner Safford asked for a Storm report :
 - FF Koeppen reported:
 - Approximately 14 calls. All went well.
 - Assisted Silvana FD with two water rescues using our inflatable boat.
 - Squad 49 responded to its first call.
 - Asst. Chief Smith reported approximately 200 calls between District #21, Arlington City FD and NCRFA with no injuries or damaged equipment. Hats off to the Crews!

Training – FF Nunemaker and Asst. Chief Smith won free tickets to Fire Tactics and Behavior Training for Rural areas in Florida.

Old Business – cont'd.

Station 49 Remodel – The Board performed a walk-through of the remodel of Station 49 by Claborn Construction and noted the following concerns:

- Trim on bedroom and office doorways sticks out from wall due to the screws.
- Two screws outside of last FF bedroom door, left side, need to be smoothed to the wall.
- Dent outside of second FF bedroom, on left side of door needs to be filled.

It was the consensus of the Board to hold final payment to Claborn Construction until these items are repaired.

Announcements:

- Next Regular Commissioner meeting Monday, March 9, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. at the Arlington Heights Improvement Club

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Minutes Approved By:

Chairman Taft

Commissioner Nordstrom

Commissioner Safford

Fire Chief/Board Secretary Schmidt