

SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 21

Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting

Monday, May 11, 2020 @6:30 p.m.

@Fire Station 49 Bay

Call to Order: Chairman Taft called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Attendees: Chairman Taft, Commissioners Nordstrom & Safford and Executive Assistant Tiner. Chief Schmidt attended via video. There was one Citizen present.

Flag Salute: Commissioner Nordstrom led the flag salute.

Public Input: None

Union Input: None

Volunteer Input: None

Consent Agenda:

- 1) Approval of minutes from April 13, 2020, Regular meeting
- 2) Payroll: April = \$123,287.87
- 3) Financials: \$24,098.62

Chief Schmidt will ask the District's Accountant to redo the date listings for payroll to alleviate any confusion. Chief's laptop was replaced because the current one could not handle programs the Chief needed.

Commissioner Safford made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda item 1 as amended, and items 2-3 as presented. Commissioner Nordstrom seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Old Business:

Station 50 Update –

- Chief met with the Contractor to get the final process going with the permits, etc. If start soon, will save a lot of money with a lower bond interest rating, etc.
- Will meet soon regarding the water line and Commissioner Safford will attend also.
- Should hire Bob Campbell as a Consultant for the District to work with the City. Discussion held. Will check with the District's Attorney for best process to follow regarding the use of a Consultant.
- Received estimate of cost of water line:
 - 8" waterline = \$250,000
 - 12" waterline = \$320,000

Will ask the City to pay the \$70,000 difference if they insist on the 12" waterline.

Commissioner Nordstrom made a motion to authorize Chief Schmidt to hire Consultant Bob Campbell. Commissioner Safford seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- Chairman Taft would like a monthly report from Project Manager Vicki Cargile regarding status of Station 50, and possibly pay her monthly.

Retreat Meeting Dates – It was the consensus of the Board to hold their Retreat meeting on Thursday, May 21, 2020, from 8am – 2pm.

New Business:

Resolution 2020-06 – Meeting Date Change –

***Commissioner Safford made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-06 – Meeting Date Change.
Commissioner Nordstrom seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.***

Chief/Secretary Reports:

Apparatus Report –

- Tender to be surplused. Will do a sealed bid because there are several interests.
- Engine 49 sent to Oregon to have the light bar fixed.
- Engine 49A was also experiencing some problems, but has been fixed.
- Both Engines are old. Chief is looking for a demo Engine to purchase on a bond, which would save a lot of money. This was budgeted for 2021, but is looking to do this around Sept. /Oct. of 2020.
- ATV – The street legal kit has been ordered.
- New Hovercraft will be here soon. Old one will be used as backup. Delivery critical because HC94 is out of service.

Grants – District has applied for the COVID grants and the EMS Trauma Grant. Holding off on requesting Tribal grants right now due to current situations.

Chief Report –

- We are getting a bid to paint Station 49 trim.
- The new Station signs for Station 49 should be here soon. They are being donated by the person making them.
- Call volumes have been down, but they have been of the more serious type.
- Therapy dogs have been a great help to some agencies, especially during current times. Would help the Crews, especially during the Pandemic, which has been hard on them. Chief commended the Crews for doing such a good job and handling the current situation so well, especially dealing with people who are more upsetting than normal.
- Chief commended the Board, and thanked them for the remodel of Station 49. Crews have stated that it has been really nice to come home to a place that feels like a home after a hard call, and not a place that feels like an office.

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Safford reported that there is a no parking sign at Twin Rivers Park, but people are still blocking the gate. Need sign affixed to the gate so more visible. Chairman Taft will speak to the County Parks regarding this. Commissioner Nordstrom stated that they need the Police to enforce it also.

Birthday drive-by visit have been enjoyed. There have been about 6-10 of these done so far and have been a big hit.

Announcements:

- Next Regular Commissioner meeting Monday, June 8, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. at the Arlington Heights Improvement Club (AHIC)

Adjournment: There being no further business, Commissioner Safford moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Minutes Approved By:

Chairman Taft

Commissioner Nordstrom

Commissioner Safford

Fire Chief/Board Secretary Schmidt