

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

Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting

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

Via Zoom

**Call to Order:** Chairman Taft called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

**Attendees:** Chairman Taft, Commissioners Nordstrom & Safford, Chief Schmidt and Executive Assistant Tiner via Zoom.

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

**Public Input:** None

**Union Input:** None

**Volunteer Input:** None

## **Consent Agenda:**

- 1) Approval of minutes from July 13, 2020, Regular meeting
- 2) Payroll: July = \$114,955.58
- 3) Financials: \$20,258.32

***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 –**

- Cascade Survey will redo their survey of the water line with the new flags.
- Still waiting to hear from the City for guidance on letter they wish us to send to the County.
- Suggestion to lease some property from the Stillaguamish Tribe where we can set up temporary responding area to cover Station 50's area calls as opposed to contracting with the City.
  - Could rent a commercial trailer.
  - Would be able to house a tender engine and an ambulance.
  - Would need to add one firefighter to help staff this satellite station.
- Also working on proposal to have Getchell handle the area calls.
- Will go with the cheaper of the two options.
- Should be meeting with TCA and the City and County to move forward, but City wants to wait until the EMS contract with the City is resolved.
- Chief suggested our Board members should individually contact members of the City Council to express the District's concern and the possibility of coming to some consensus on issues.
- PUD may be an option for water usage if the City declines; or build our own well.
- Suggestion to check on property next to the gun range. A/C Smith is looking into this.

**Twin City Park Parking Concern** – Cars continue to block fire department access to the park. The Ranger was going to put a no parking sign on the steel gate. Chief stated that we need a sign on the wire gate. Chairman Taft will speak to the Ranger regarding this.

### **New Business:**

District's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary October 2020 – Suggestions:

- Put something in the paper and send out a mailer – any suggestions as to the content?
- Executive Assistant Tiner is ordering coffee cups with the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on them.
- Get pictures of District members throughout the past 60 years in front of the fire station. Post online.
- Develop a new Challenge Coin that says 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on it. Will check with the Association.

### **Chief/Secretary Reports:**

#### **Apparatus Report –**

- The Brush Truck will be back Thursday.
- Tender is going in for its annual inspection, and to repair a leak.
- The old Hovercraft and old Tender are still at #19. They will be surplused when they return.
- The new engine we were going to purchase was already sold. Rosenbauer will bring out their demo engine to evaluate for purchase. Can do an emergency resolution to purchase an engine without going through the bid process because of dire need.

#### **Equipment –**

- Ordering necessary parts to fix E49A.
- FF Nunemaker putting up new Station sign.

Grants – FF Bates is writing a Grant to the Stillaguamish Tribe for SCBA's, extractor and therapy dog.

The District will have excess funds at the end of the year. The Board can decide how to spend this. One suggestion would be to paint Station 49. Another suggestion would be to purchase a therapy dog if the Grant does not come through. Purpose of a therapy dog is especially important right now for the Crews who have higher stress due to the pandemic and all the issues it creates. Commissioner Safford has researched this and found a lot of good information on it. Believes it is a good idea. Suggest that the other Board Members look at this information. Dogs are hypoallergenic; and Crews will be asked if there are any concerns.

The hiring process for the two new fulltime Firefighters will be August 31. Have received 15 applications. The final list will be brought to the Board at the September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting for approval.

No update on the EMS service contract with the City. Chief is waiting to respond to Chief Kraski's letter of proposed rate increase until an official proposal is received.

A Citizen who had part of his landscape damaged during a fire response by our Crews in 2019 has had it repaired at a cost of \$300. The District will pay for the damages.

Received a letter from FEMA stating that the District's appeal to owing money on an SCBA Grant has been granted and the District does not owe any money.

Chairman Taft stated he wants Volunteers to have first choice to respond to deployment of wildland fires. Chief stated that the sign up list is for all, but that any Volunteers who wish to respond, can do so.

**Commissioner Reports:**

- Commissioner Safford relayed a thank you from a Citizen for his brother's recent care by our Crews. He said they were very professional.
- Question on why Crews were not on gun shot call at the park. They were cancelled enroute.
- There was a mention that there might be a private ambulance company coming to the area, nothing confirmed.
- Crews unable to transport a tender engine over the Jordan Bridge. Granite Falls FD will handle calls on the other side of the bridge. We are toned, but will turn the calls over to Granite Falls.

**Announcements:**

- Next Regular Commissioner meeting Monday, September 14, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. at the Arlington Heights Improvement Club (AHIC).
- Budget Meeting Monday, August 24, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. at the AHIC. Public may attend via Zoom.

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

**Minutes Approved By:**

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Chairman Taft

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Commissioner Nordstrom

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Commissioner Safford

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Fire Chief/Board Secretary Schmidt