

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

Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting

Monday, September 14, 2020 @6:30 p.m.

AHIC and Via Zoom

**Call to Order:** Chairman Taft called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

**Attendees:** Chairman Taft, Commissioners Nordstrom & Safford, Chief Schmidt via Zoom. Executive Assistant Tiner arrived at 6:45 p.m. There were 3 Crew in person, 2 Crew via Zoom and Citizen Laura Hofmann via Zoom.

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

**Public Input:** Laura Hofmann stated that the Community Hall will be closed in October for the Stillaguamish Tribe grant funded roof replacement.

**Union Input:** None

**Volunteer Input:** Volunteer Aspden raised concerns about a District related medical issue and COVID-19. Volunteer Lutz expressed concern about Pension issues. Executive Assistant Tiner will look into the Pension issues.

### **Consent Agenda:**

- 1) Approval of minutes from August 10, 2020, Regular meeting
- 2) Approval of minutes from August 25, 2020, Special meeting
- 3) Payroll: August = \$92,785.87
- 4) Financials: \$66,173.34

***Commissioner Nordstrom made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items 1-4 as presented.***

***Commissioner Safford seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.***

### **Old Business:**

#### **Station 50 Update –**

- Getting close to turn everything into the City.
- Need to move forward soon because currently can get good building prices.
- Chairman Taft spoke with a City Council member about the water line issues and the Council member encouraged our Board to write a formal letter to the Council Board and the Mayor regarding the issues as not all are aware of any problems. Commissioner Nordstrom will draft a letter for the Board to review. Will call a special meeting to approve the letter.
- Question of why the District did not go straight to the Dept. of Ecology first regarding the water service. It was explained that you need to go to the jurisdictional owner first, which is the City, before the Ecology Dept. will listen.

**Fire Chief Contract** – Chief gave a draft of the Fire Chief contract for the Board to review. Still working on whether he can function as a Paramedic in his new capacity.

South Side Land Lease and Temporary Station Site Negotiation Approval – The Tribe approved the use of their land for a temporary service site. Will look into trailer options to set up on the land.

***Commissioner Nordstrom made a motion to authorize the Chief to enter into negotiations with the Tribe for use of their land on the South Side for a temporary Fire Station, and possible permanent Fire Station. Commissioner Safford seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.***

Chief Schmidt will meet with Chief Kraski to discuss the Daytime Captain between the two Districts, and the South Side calls.

Twin City Park Parking Concern – Cars continue to block fire department access to the park. Chairman Taft spoke to the Ranger regarding this, but will now speak to his Supervisor.

#### **New Business:**

Hiring List Approval – Chief presented the hiring list developed through recent testings.

***Commissioner Safford made a motion to approve the Hiring List and to send Offer Letters to the top two applicants on the list. Commissioner Nordstrom seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.***

Resolution 2020-07 – Surplus Obsolete Equipment – District is surplusizing two old laptops that are not functioning properly.

***Commissioner Nordstrom made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-07 – Surplus Obsolete Equipment. Commissioner Safford seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.***

Resolution 2020-08 – Purchase Fire Engine – Discussion held regarding the specifications of the Hughes Pierce Engine in Florida. Hughes will deliver it to Tacoma.

Chairman Taft recessed the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Chairman Taft resumed the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

***Commissioner Safford made a motion to approve the purchase of the Pierce Fire Engine from Hughes for approximately \$459,000. Commissioner Nordstrom seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.***

Discussion of where apparatus will be placed once Station 50 is completed. Chairman Taft wants a tour of the Tribal property the District wishes to use for a temporary Station until Station 50 is completed.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the District's Draft 2021 Budget – Chief Schmidt reviewed the draft proposed budget for the District for 2021.

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

##### **Apparatus Report** –

- Apparatus trailer housing should be here soon.

- Brush truck is on deployment in Eastern Washington, will be back Wednesday. May be redeployed soon. Discussion on the financial reimbursement for deployments.
- Tender is back from repairs, but still has a small, slow leak. Will have this fixed.

**Equipment –**

- Purchased new hose and nozzles; hose previously bought was faulty.
- Looking into battery powered extrication tools, e.g. Jaws of Life & battery powered spreaders, which were budgeted.

**Grants –** Will buy SCBA's, SCBA Fill Station and a bunker gear extractor.

**Commissioner Reports:**

- North County Commissioner Larry Longly contacted Commissioner Safford regarding the RFA.
- Discussion of recent gun shot call and why District #21 was not toned. District was toned, but not first. The Chief has had the run cards fixed so that will not happen again, unless a Paramedic is needed.
- Chairman Taft commended the Crews on how they handled a recent call to the FD for a large party.

**Announcements:**

- Next Regular Commissioner meeting Monday, October 12, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. at the Arlington Heights Improvement Club (AHIC).
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Public Hearing of the District's Draft 2021 Budget, and Draft Resolutions at the October 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Public may attend via Zoom.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 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