

SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 21

Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting

Monday, January 11, 2021 @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, Executive Assistant Tiner, PM Cargile, E. Schaer, Gianni Africano and Dan Cassady of RC Cost Group, and Citizen Laura Hofmann via Zoom.

Flag Salute: Commissioner Nordstrom led the flag salute.

Public Input: Laura Hofmann reported the AHIC Building is operational again and available on Monday nights. It is booked Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

New Business:

Selection of Board Chair and Vice Chair – Commissioner Safford nominated Eric Nordstrom as the Chair for 2021.

Commissioner Safford made a motion to approve the nomination of Eric Nordstrom as the Chair for 2021. Chairman Taft seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Chairman Nordstrom nominated Commissioner Safford as the Vice Chair for 2021.

Chairman Nordstrom made a motion to approve the nomination of Dave Safford as the Vice Chair for 2021. Commissioner Taft seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Swear in Fulltime Fire Chief Chad Schmidt – Chairman Nordstrom swore in Chad Schmidt as the Fulltime Fire Chief for Snohomish County Fire District #21.

Union Input: None

Volunteer Input: None

Consent Agenda:

- 1) Approval of minutes from December 14, 2020, Regular meeting
- 2) Payroll: December = \$111,558.28
- 3) Financials: \$174,419.77

Chairman Nordstrom made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items 1-3 as presented, with the additional four bills totaling \$71,303.77 and with Chief Schmidt verifying the Cascade Surveying bill. Commissioner Safford seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Old Business:

Station 50 Update –

- ✓ Approval of New Design Cost Estimate:
 - Will recoup some costs with the new comers agreement for the water.
 - Possible to get some fees waived.

- Discussion regarding agreement with PUD to provide engineering services for the extension of a 3-Phase power to Station 50.

Commissioner Taft made a motion to hold off on any further development with the Station 50 project until the water line issue is resolved. The motion died for lack of a second.

- Discussion held.

Chairman Nordstrom made a motion to approve the new design cost estimate for Station 50 and to sign an agreement with PUD to provide engineering services for the extension of a 3-phase power to Station 50. Commissioner Safford seconded; Motion carried by a vote of 2 to 1, with Commissioner Taft voting Nay.

- Chief Schmidt requested Board consent to move forward with Gibson Traffic Consultants for a traffic study. It was the consensus of the Board to have the Chief move forward with Gibson Traffic Consultants for a traffic study for Station 50 and to enter into a contract once proposal is approved by the Chief and Project Manager.

New Business: None

Chief/Secretary Reports:

Apparatus Report –

- ✓ New Fire Engine – Should be back from all its fittings in two weeks.
- ✓ Brush Truck – Have lettering done – suggest to rewrap it in red later.
- ✓ Ford Escape – Would like to sell the Ford Escape to Darrington Fire for \$1,500 for their Paramedics to use. Suggestion of getting a used van possibly for travel to trainings, etc. because could carry equipment and gear. It was the consensus of the Board to surplus the Ford Escape and sell it to Darrington Fire for \$1,500.00.
- ✓ Commissioner Taft suggested holding off on surplusing the old Tender for now and renting it out for a while.
- ✓ Discussion on where to store extra Vehicles that will be covered and safe.
- ✓ Chairman Nordstrom requested outline of what apparatus the District currently has and which station each will be located:

<u>Station 49</u>	<u>Station 50</u>
New Engine	Backup Engine
Tender	Tender
Ambulance	Ambulance
Command Vehicle	Command Vehicle
New Hovercraft	Backup Hovercraft
Brush Truck	Tender Engine

Discussion held.

- ✓ Commissioner Taft asked regarding a program to have Firefighters only, and not have to be EMT's. Chief said we do offer that option, but the majority of our calls are EMS. Volunteers will have options to do either and their pension qualifications can be adjusted for the lack of volume of calls.

- ✓ District is moving forward with placing an ambulance in the City. Until it is ready, will extend the current contract with the City of Arlington for service. May be ready by February 1, 2021.

Grant –The Stillaguamish Tribe will review our request for new SCBA equipment on Thursday, January 14th.

Commissioner Reports:

- ✓ Status of Audit requested. The District only received a recommendation – need a separate budget line for unemployment compensation.
- ✓ Question of staffing moving forward: Will have 7 fulltime employees plus the Fire Chief. Will staff 3 firefighters at Station 49 = 1 fulltime and 2 part time. Will staff 2 firefighters in the City = 1 fulltime and 1 part time. If we only have the 1 fulltime for the City, will not sent them in without the part time person.
- ✓ Remarkd on the thank you letter for FF Koeppen – great atta-boy.
- ✓ Discussion of the District’s past full time Fire Chiefs. Talk of listing them on the post card to be sent out soon.

Announcements:

- Next Regular Commissioner meeting Monday, February 8, 2021, at 6:30 p.m., virtually via Zoom.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Minutes Approved By:

Chairman Nordstrom

Commissioner Taft

Commissioner Safford

Fire Chief/Board Secretary Schmidt