

SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 21

Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting

Monday, February 8, 2021 @6:30 p.m.

Via Zoom & Station 49 Bay

Call to Order: Chairman Taft called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Attendees: Chairman Nordstrom, Commissioners Taft & Safford, Chief Schmidt, with Executive Assistant Tiner and Citizen Laura Hofmann via Zoom.

Flag Salute: Chairman Nordstrom led the flag salute.

Public Input: None

Union Input: None

Volunteer Input: None

Consent Agenda:

- 1) Approval of minutes from January 11, 2020, Regular meeting
- 2) Payroll: January = \$164,768.57
- 3) Financials: \$165,664.66
 - Request to update the January 11th minutes with a motion that was made. Executive Asst. Tiner will make the correction before the minutes are signed.
 - Correction to Marshall Sign check due to a typo.
 - Executive Asst. Tiner to contact the State Unemployment Dept. regarding invoice charge for benefits for part paid employee.

Commissioner Safford made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items 1 & 3 as amended and Item 2 as presented. Commissioner Taft seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Old Business:

Station 50 Update –

- Chief Schmidt will receive paperwork from David Evans & Assoc. regarding PUD extending Phase 3 power next week.
- PM Cargile is working to have the design phase cost estimate reduced, seems rather high.
- The Army Corp of Engineers stated that the wetlands are not part of their jurisdiction. Chairman Nordstrom gave an update on the project.
- Will obtain a reader board that will advertise the new Station. Discussion of types, and possibility of one for Station 49 also.
- PM Cargile dividing the waterline project and the building project into two separate items so that they can start work on the waterline and have it almost finished by the start of the building project.
- PUD deposit cost estimate \$10,000 for the 3 phase power. Commissioner Taft expressed concern over potential final cost. Chairman Nordstrom will follow up on this with the project design team at their next meeting.

New Business: -

Grant Update – The District received a \$100,000 Grant from the Stillaguamish Tribe for the purchase of 12-15 new SCBA's.

Chief's Goals for 2021 – Chief Schmidt asked the Board what expectations they have now that he is Full Time:

- ✓ Chairman Nordstrom stated that he would like to see an annual report of what has been accomplished.
- ✓ Chief is working on goals for 2021 – 2023 – hopes to complete this by end of March.
- ✓ Chief wants a Mission Statement & Core Value for the Crews – will have them write those.
- ✓ Station 49 Crews requested to have a Kangaroo as their mascot and be known as the "Fighting Kangaroos" and will ask the Public to submit mascot designs. The Crews will vote on the design and award a prize of their choosing. Chief has agreed.

Woods at McElroy Development Update – Chairman Nordstrom reported that owner of the proposed development has cancelled his plans and will use the property for private use. This cancels the water main extension between Burn Rd. and McElroy Rd.

RFA Vote – February 9th – The voters of the City of Arlington will vote on February 9th to agree to have the Arlington Fire Department join the North County Regional Fire Authority. Update to be given at next meeting.

City Fire Contract – The City has asked that our District pay \$23,000 a month for fire services for January and February of 2021 – after that, will place a District Aid car in the City. Next year we will need to negotiate with North County to keep the Aid car in the City. Discussion held regarding mergers vs. standalone.

COVID Shots for Volunteers – Chairman Nordstrom recommended that the District pay the Volunteers' an event stipend for any missed time from their COVID shots. It was the consensus of the Board to pay the District's Volunteer member's an event stipend for any missed time from their COVID shots.

Resolution 2021 – 01 - Surplus Ford Escape Utility Vehicle –

Chairman Nordstrom made a motion to approve Resolution 2021 – 01 - Surplus Ford Escape Utility Vehicle. Commissioner Safford seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Chief/Secretary Reports:

Apparatus Report –

- ✓ New Fire Engine – Should be back from all its fittings soon.
- ✓ Tender 49 – Currently in the shop-manual throttle problem.
- ✓ Aid 49 – Had an electrical issue that has been fixed.

- ✓ Will continue to experience more problems because of our aging fleet.

Equipment Report –

- ✓ Chief will start the process to secure an ALS License for the District.
- ✓ Darrington Fire is looking into the process to allow Chief Schmidt to have his Paramedic License under their Agency. Their Union has already given their approval.

Commissioner Reports:

- ✓ Commissioner Safford attended the virtual SNO-ISLE meeting and gave the highlights of the meeting.
- ✓ Chairman Nordstrom asked that the Board keep the Commissioner meetings more efficient and to the point. Would like to keep them to one hour when possible – keep moving through it.

Announcements:

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

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Minutes Approved By:

Chairman Nordstrom

Commissioner Taft

Commissioner Safford

Fire Chief/Board Secretary Schmidt