

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

Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting

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

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**Call to Order:** Chairman Nordstrom called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m.

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

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

**Public Input:** None

**Union Input:** None

**Volunteer Input:** None

## **Consent Agenda:**

- 1) Approval of minutes from February 8, 2020, Regular meeting
- 2) Payroll: February = \$116,218.84
- 3) Financials: \$132,169.58
  - Request to clarify the pay coverage for Volunteers absent due to COVID shots in the February 8 minutes. Executive Asst. Tiner will make the correction before the minutes are signed.
  - Commissioner Taft asked why the District is paying the City of Arlington instead of the County for the waterline permit. Chairman Nordstrom stated that we had no choice.
  - Commissioner Taft asked about the "Lessor" that is listed on the insurance policy for the two Hovercrafts. Executive Assistant Tiner will follow up on this.
  - Chief Schmidt explained that the District is paying a portion of an employee's unemployment because the District does not participate in the program, so the State requires that they share in the cost.

***Commissioner Safford made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda item 1 as amended and Items 2 & 3 as presented. Chairman Nordstrom seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.***

## **Old Business:**

### **Station 50 Update –**

- Chairman Nordstrom reported on the Phase 3 vs. Single Phase power concern. Decided to go with Single Phase.
- Discussion on the high design cost estimate. The following cost measures were taken:
  - The District is purchasing all their own appliances
  - Will use gravel for the Training Pad – this will save approximately \$80,000
  - Will stay with a metal roof – save approximately \$7,000, and will last longer
  - Will look at redoing landscaping to save money
- The Chief has sent a Public Records Request to the City of Arlington for all the permits that were paid by the Robinett homes and the Hayden Park project.

- Citizen Loren Wallitner thanked the District for all they do. He has an electrical engineering background and offered his guidance on the Station 50 project.
- Bond options were discussed. The Chief is looking into this.

**New Business:** -

Local 3728 Contract Negotiations – The Local’s three-year contract is up in December of 2021. Will start negotiations around August. No major concerns, just some minor changes. Will keep the Board informed as the negotiations progress. Suggestion that the Board Chair may want to attend some of the negotiations. The Chair agreed.

Commissioner Meeting May 10<sup>th</sup> Date Change Request to May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Commissioner Safford – The Commissioner will be out of town, so wishes to request the date change. Board members agreed. Resolution to change the meeting date will be presented at the next meeting.

Safety Committee – Chief is starting a Safety Committee for the District that will hold quarterly meetings. Members will include Volunteers and Union members. Commissioner Safford will be the Board representative.

Noted the passing of former Arlington Fire Chief Olsen. The Association will send flowers.

Resolution 2021 – 02 - Surplus Old Duty Phone –

***Chairman Nordstrom made a motion to approve Resolution 2021 – 02 - Surplus Old Duty Phone. Commissioner Safford seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.***

Thank You Notes – A Letter and a Citizen thank you were presented.

**Chief/Secretary Reports:**

Annual Report – Almost complete. The Strategic Plan is complete and being reviewed by the Union.

Apparatus Report –

- ✓ New Fire Engine – Back from the shop. Talking to Hughes Fire regarding them selling a fire engine that was not NFPA compliant with the lights. The District had to pay \$7,000 for them.
- ✓ Will plan a push in ceremony for Engine 50.
- ✓ The new Aid Unit and Engine 50 will be getting a “no smoking” exhaust system.

Grants –

Received the grant check for new SCBA’s from the Stillaguamish Tribe last week. Concern that new SCBA’s are not compliant with older ones that some other Agencies use and that have been

discontinued. Will only work with conversion kits. Other Agencies looking at upgrading their equipment.

Badge Pinning Ceremony – The Chief would like to do a Ceremony for our newest Fulltime Employees, Adam von Melville, Steven Hutzell and David Carter. It was decided to be held on Monday, April 5, at 6 pm at either the AHIC or the Bay area.

**Commissioner Reports:** None

**Announcements:**

- Next Regular Commissioner meeting Monday, April 12, 2021, at 6:30 p.m., at the AHIC.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

**Minutes Approved By:**

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Chairman Nordstrom

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Commissioner Taft

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Commissioner Safford

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Fire Chief/Board Secretary Schmidt