

SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 21

Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting

Monday, June 7, 2021 @6:30 p.m.

AHIC

Call to Order: Chairman Nordstrom called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Attendees: Chairman Nordstrom, Commissioners Taft & Safford, Chief Schmidt & Executive Assistant Tiner. One Crew and two Citizens present – Commissioner Position 2 Candidates Jeff Edmonds and Greg Taylor.

Flag Salute: Commissioner Safford led the flag salute.

Public Input: None

Union Input: None

Volunteer Input: None

Consent Agenda:

- 1) Approval of minutes from May 3, 2021, Regular Meeting
- 2) Approval of minutes from May 17, 2021, Special Meeting
- 3) Approval of minutes from May 26, 2021, Special Meeting
- 4) Approval of minutes from May 28, 2021, Special Meeting
- 5) Payroll: May = \$137,200.03
- 6) Financials: \$205,426.93

Chairman Nordstrom made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items 1 through 6 as presented. Commissioner Safford seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Old Business:

Station 50 Update –

- ✓ Update: Things are moving forward. Waiting for the City to approve the draft letter to the Citizens regarding the water contract. Will obtain the permit for building this week.
- ✓ Milestone Celebration Events (groundbreaking, ribbon cutting): Discussion regarding insuring plans will be made for these events. Discussed options.
- ✓ Outfitting of Station: Discussion on financial options for outfitting the Station. Possible grants could cover workout equipment and some furniture. District would buy the appliances. Chief Schmidt and Project Manager Cargile will research grant options. Should post Station updates on the District's social media pages.

New Business: -

Resolution 2021-05 – Meeting Date Change –

Chairman Nordstrom made a motion to approve Resolution 2021 – 05 – Meeting Date Change. Commissioner Safford seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Thank You Notes – Several thank you's from Citizens were presented.

Chief/Secretary Reports:

- ✓ NCRFA's newsletter accidentally went to Citizens outside of their District boundaries. Some of the other Fire Districts affected were upset by this because of possible confusion for some of their Citizens. NCRFA apologized.
- ✓ District Call Reports were handed out and reviewed.
- ✓ EMS Contract with the City was renewed. Next renewal will be with NCRFA.
- ✓ We received an invoice for services from the City for \$142,229 for 2020. The Chief has asked Chief Kraski for backup data to verify actual calls onsite because the figure seems high.
- ✓ Will talk with Chief Kraski in August regarding true up cost for next time. Last true up was \$95,000 for 2019. Commissioner Taft suggested the District look at the costs monthly instead of annually. Chief agreed to do that.
- ✓ Commissioner Taft suggested having a picture of all the District's Volunteers in the next District flyer. Chief reported that he is scheduling an all District Members' picture to be made.
- ✓ Commissioner Taft expressed concern regarding the District's Union Members' selection of a kangaroo for their Mascot – feels it may have a misleading connotation. Chief stated that others feel it's a sense of pride.

Commissioner Reports:

- ✓ Commissioner Safford reported on the SNO-ISLE meeting:
 - The meeting covered Wildland Mobilization. The goal is to have no cost to participating Districts. Training is critical due to retiring firefighters. Commissioner Taft suggested sending firefighters to observe during a deployment but Chief stated that is not allowed – all onsite firefighters have to be certified.
 - July meeting will cover Fire Benefit Charges – a way to collect revenue.
 - No August meeting.
 - September meeting will be in person and virtual.
- ✓ Commissioner Safford congratulated the District on a good audit.
- ✓ Chairman Nordstrom asked about the Timber Tax for this year. Chief reported that the Timber Tax for the District is doing better this year.
- ✓ Commissioner Taft commented that the Volunteers performed faster than the others on prying the door open on the door prop.

Announcements:

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

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Minutes Approved By:

Chairman Nordstrom

Commissioner Taft

Commissioner Safford

Fire Chief/Board Secretary Schmidt