

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

Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting

Monday, July 12, 2021 @6:30 p.m.

AHIC

**Call to Order:** Chairman Nordstrom called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

**Attendees:** Chairman Nordstrom, Commissioners Taft & Safford, Chief Schmidt & Executive Assistant Tiner.

**Flag Salute:** Chief Schmidt led the flag salute.

**Public Input:** None

**Union Input:** None

**Volunteer Input:** None

## **Consent Agenda:**

- 1) Approval of minutes from June 7, 2021, Regular Meeting
- 2) Payroll: June = \$131,019.00
- 3) Financials: \$101,654.15

***Chairman Nordstrom made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items 1 through 3 as amended. Commissioner Safford seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.***

## **Old Business:**

### **Financial Concerns –**

- ✓ Chief explained the process regarding our contract with the City for EMS services. We pay \$290,000 annually for EMS services, then adjust the cost accordingly at the end of the year based on actual call counts. Calls are usually reviewed annually, but the Chief will start reviewing them monthly.
- ✓ EMS Contract to be renewed in 2022 with NCRFA due to the merger between them and the City.
- ✓ Discussion on how our cost to respond to City calls will be handled.
- ✓ Will pay the City \$46,000 for our Fire Contract with them for the first 2 months of 2021 and will pay the EMS cost for the first six months of 2020 and will negotiate the rest with Chief Kraski due to some apparent discrepancies.
- ✓ Chief spoke with Camano Island F&R regarding concerns with two of their vehicle maintenance invoices. These were amended down about \$7,000 to be more accurate.
- ✓ With the cost of the new fire engine and the add-on's, total cost of the demo engine was still less than purchasing a new one.

### **Station 50 Update –**

- ✓ Project Manager Cargile has requested an updated estimate on the waterline cost. Waiting for the City to make a correction and then approve the draft letter to the Citizens regarding the water contract.
- ✓ Chief met with KJ Johnson regarding the timber property. There are about five truck loads worth of timber.
- ✓ Finalizing some minor things for the Station.

- ✓ Chairman Nordstrom suggested possibly drawing up an MOU with the City to allow the District to go to bid prior to the cost recovery agreement being in place, for documentation purposes.
- ✓ Discussion on color schemes for the exterior of Station #50. The Chief will have TCA draw up some color samples for the next meeting. Suggestions included earth tones, and match Station #49's color scheme.

Fire Levy Resolution 2021-07 – Chief presented two draft Resolutions for the Board's review. Option A would collect up to 6% every year. Option B would be the normal fire levy that goes down each year and the District can only collect 1% each year. Both require only a simple majority. Discussion held. Chief will have information explaining the Levy put on the District's website, Facebook page and Newspaper. He will offer to address homeowner's groups to explain and answer questions.

***Chairman Nordstrom made a motion to approve Resolution 2021 – 07 – Multi-Year Lid Lift - with additional Resolution that the Board will not raise the Lift higher than \$1.30 without the vote of the Citizens. Commissioner Safford seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.***

Commissioner Taft suggested having a nurse stationed at the fire station to assist with patients with minor incidents. Chief responded that several fire districts are using Community Resource Paramedics for these types of patients. Chief stated that County EMS is working on fire districts being able to transport people to alternate destinations.

Chief stated that FF/EMT Brownell was just hired fulltime by South County Fire so will be leaving us.

**New Business:** -

Resolution 2021-06 – Draft Resolution setting District Per Diem for Travel –

***Chairman Nordstrom made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-06 – Draft Resolution setting District Per Diem for Travel. Commissioner Safford seconded; Motion carried by a vote of two to one, with Commissioner Taft abstaining.***

Thank You Notes – Thank you's from the Chief to the Crews were presented.

**Chief/Secretary Reports:**

- ✓ Apparatus Report - The issue with the siren on the new engine is being fixed.
- ✓ June statistics were presented.
- ✓ Station was shut down to Volunteers & Part Paid for a few days due to a COVID issue. Only on duty Crews were in house. The Station was opened back up 7/12.
- ✓ Wildland Deployment – We had to pass on the first deployment because of the recent COVID outbreak which caused the District to be low on Staffing. The District is now clean and open and available for deployment.
- ✓ Received new wildland deployment equipment.

- ✓ The District is joining the Pulse Point Program with the rest of Snohomish County. It notifies, by phone, everyone in the program of a CPR call withing one mile from them.
- ✓ Looking into storage for some of the Rigs that have to sit outside. Also looking into pop-up tents for the Rigs to possibly store on the AHIC's property next door.
- ✓ Grants – The District received a grant from DNR for \$11,900. This covered the parts for the Brush Truck.
- ✓ Will ask the Stillaguamish Tribe for a grant for equipment for the Fire Station.
- ✓ Burn Ban put into effect June 25, 2021. Recreational fires are still allowed.

**Commissioner Reports:**

- ✓ Commissioner Safford attended the SNO-ISLE video meeting which presented "Fire Benefit Charge." The program is more for Commercial areas and not Rural areas.

**Announcements:**

- Next Regular Commissioner meeting Monday, August 9, 2021, at 6:30 p.m., at the AHIC.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:56 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