

SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 21
Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting
Monday, December 13, 2021 @6:30 p.m.
AHIC

Call to Order: Chairman Nordstrom called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

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

Flag Salute: Led by Executive Assistant Tiner.

Public Input: Chief Schmidt gave a report from Citizen Laura Hofmann that the State approved the Arlington Heights Improvement Club's request to give the AHIC building and all its property to Fire District 21 in the event they were to dissolve.

Union Input: None

Volunteer Input: None

Consent Agenda:

- 1) Approval of minutes from November 8, 2021, Regular Meeting
- 2) Approval of minutes from November 22, 2021, Special Meeting
- 3) Payroll: November = \$126,218.52
- 4) Financials: \$183,350.64

*Chairman Nordstrom made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items 1 through 4 as presented.
Commissioner Safford seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

Old Business:

Station 50 Update –

- The Waterline Reimbursement Agreement is complete and will be signed by the City of Arlington. The Traffic Litigation with the County section was removed, as requested by the District.
- The traffic portion of the permit has been approved. Moving forward to obtain all the permits.
- Sign to be erected announcing the construction of the new Station.
- Temporary Station will now be a facility on Burn Road. Should be ready by the 1st of the year.

Resolution 2021-15 – 2022 Annual Budget Adoption -

*Chairman Nordstrom made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-15 – 2022 Annual Budget Adoption.
Commissioner Safford seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

District Awards Banquet Update – The date is contingent on when the awards will be delivered.

Updated Lights for Station Bays – This is a priority project for the Chief. He has FF Bates working on a cost comparison.

New Business:

Resolution 2021-13 – Board Meeting Schedule for 2022 – Request to change the October meeting date.

Commissioner Safford made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-13 – Board Meeting Schedule for 2022, with amended date for October. Chairman Nordstrom seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Distribution of Donations to the District – Suggestion that all non-designated donations go to the Firefighter's Association so that the Firefighters may help the Community when they see a need. These funds would be kept separate from their regular funds.

Commissioner Safford made a motion that all undesignated funds donated to the District will be placed in the Firefighter's Association 501C3 fund, separate from their regular funds, to be used, as needed, for the Community. Chairman Nordstrom seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Thank you from the Rupp & Hodgen Family – A thank you to the District was presented. Chairman Nordstrom also read a Thank You posted on the District's Facebook page from Anne Wendt.

Resolution 2021-14 – 2021 Budget Amendment – For adjustment to the Station 50 budget line.

Commissioner Safford made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-14 – 2021 Budget Amendment. Chairman Nordstrom seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Chief/Secretary Reports:

- The District held Pictures with Santa Claus, with FF Bates and Katie Bates as Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus. We had 44 children visit. Plans are to do this annually and to also have a Santa Run with decorated Rigs driving through the Community.
- Met with North County Regional Fire Authority regarding the Paramedic Contract between the two Districts. Discussed options on how to pay for Paramedic services. The Contract was cleaned up to give a better understanding of its contents. Clarified that the District was the owner of the F250 used by Assistant Chief Smith.
- Changing from our Target Solutions Platform training program with North County Fire and moving to a different Target Solutions Platform with Darrington, Oso, Getchell and Silvana fire departments.
- Discussion held with Chief Cermak regarding the District's use of North County's Accountant Krumm's services. Offered to pay half of his ongoing training. Waiting for a response.
- We have seven EMT's graduating from training on Saturday, December 18. This will help with the recent loss of seven of the District's Part Paid employees due to other job opportunities. Discussion held regarding having some training done in-house to cut down on cost. We are doing some of that, but some of the training requires a State-certified instructor.

Commissioner Reports: None

Commissioner Safford was reelected and sworn in as the District's Fire Commissioner, Position 2, for a full six-year term.

Announcements:

- Next Regular Commissioner meeting Monday, January 10, 2022, at 6:30 p.m., at the Arlington Heights Improvement Club.

Executive Session: The Board recessed at 8:35 p.m. and went into Executive Session to Review Contract Negotiations per RCW 42.30.140 & to review the Chief's contract per RCW 42.30.220 (g). It was expected to last until 8:50 p.m. At 8:50 p.m., the Board emerged from Executive Session and returned to their Regular Meeting. ***Chairman Nordstrom made a motion to approve the Local 3438 Contract as written. Commissioner Safford seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.***

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Minutes Approved By:

Chairman Nordstrom

Commissioner Taft

Commissioner Safford

Fire Chief/Board Secretary Schmidt