

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

Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting

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

AHIC

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

**Attendees:** Chairman Nordstrom, Commissioners Safford & Taft & Chief Schmidt. There were three Crew and three Citizens present.

**Flag Salute:** Led by Chairman Nordstrom.

**Public Input:** Citizen Laura Hofmann reported that the AHIC voted to give all 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 October 11, 2021, Regular Meeting
- 2) Approval of minutes from October 25, 2021, Special Meeting
- 3) Payroll: October = \$153,626.73
- 4) Financials: \$75,073.33

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

## **Old Business:**

### **Station 50 Update –**

- Waterline project awarded to low bid by Premium Services out of Whatcom County. Currently in discussion with them for start date and notice to proceed. Arlington City Council still discussing the cost recovery agreement at their workshop. Should vote at the council meeting Monday the 15th, then public hearings can happen regarding the possibility of County ARPA funds to cover the cost of the waterline project instead.
- Temporary station to be at Sisco Heights church until construction site is ready for crews to be at the site.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Draft Resolutions and Public Hearing of the Draft 2022 Budget –**

Chairman Nordstrom opened the Public Hearing at 7:06 p.m.

There being no Public comments, Chairman Nordstrom closed the Public Hearing at 7:09 p.m.

### **Resolution 2021-11 – 2022 Property Tax Levy – Annual Tax Levy Collection.**

***Commissioner Safford made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-11 – 2022 Property Tax Levy. Chairman Nordstrom seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.***

Resolution 2021-12 – 2022 EMS Levy -

***Commissioner Safford made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-12 – 2022 EMS Levy. Chairman Nordstrom seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.***

Resolution 2021-12A – 2022 Property Tax & EMS Levy Certification -

***Commissioner Safford made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-12A 2022 Property Tax & EMS Levy Certification. Chairman Nordstrom seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.***

Fire Levy Discussion – The Fire Levy was rejected and it was clear that more information and a clearer message is needed. Chief Schmidt to hold public Q&A meetings, new website, more frequent Facebook posts. Newsletter to address changes in the District, establish citizen group, and mailing list.

**New Business:**

Awards Banquet Discussion – Banquet to be held in January or February, Chief to update. Commissioners are excited to have an awards dinner for the firefighters.

Thank you from the Smith Family – A thank you to the District was presented.

**Chief/Secretary Reports:**

Equipment - New engine had an oil leak that was under warranty and is now fixed. The maintenance budget was well over the budgeted amount for 2021.

Grants - Potential Grants for waterline and station. Commissioner Nordstrom discussed a climate change grant that may apply to us. ARPA grants funds are still available for the waterline. Will be taking out a line of credit until the bond is ready. This will cover the added fees for architects and engineers and the waterline.

**Commissioner Reports:**

Commissioner Safford attended the WFCA conference and enjoyed learning from DNR about increased money for next year and better preparedness; also, PTSD and how to help firefighters. Julie Boyer to hold classes for Crews on resiliency and Chief Schmidt is designing a class for new employees and families on what to expect.

**Announcements:**

- Next Regular Commissioner meeting Monday, December 13, 2021, at 6:30 p.m., at the Arlington Heights Improvement Club.

**Executive Session:** The Board recessed at 8:50 p.m. and went into Executive Session to Review Contract Negotiations per RCW 42.30.140. It was expected to last until 9:05 p.m. At 9:05 p.m., the Board emerged from Executive Session with no action taken and returned to their Regular Meeting.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 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