

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

Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting

Monday, October 11, 2021 @6:30 p.m.

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**Call to Order:** Chairman Nordstrom called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m.

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

**Flag Salute:** Led by Commissioner Taft.

**Public Input:** Citizen Laura Hofmann reported there will be a memorial on Saturday at 11am for a former District Volunteer Scott Smith.

**Union Input:** None

**Volunteer Input:** None

## **Consent Agenda:**

- 1) Approval of minutes from September 14, 2021, Regular Meeting
- 2) Payroll: September = \$145,961.86
- 3) Financials: \$95,080.39

Commissioner Safford expressed concern regarding the County's practice of pulling the Levy funds straight from the District's account, with notification, instead of us sending it to them.

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

## **Old Business:**

### **Station 50 Update –**

- The City approved the Waterline Extension Agreement, but will need a Recovery Agreement before construction can start. Chief Schmidt will meet with County Executive Nate Nehring regarding the possibility of County ARPA funds to cover the cost of the waterline project instead.
- The District has gone out to bid for the Waterline project; bids are due back by October 21, 2021. The goal is to have the permits for the County so can go out to bid for the Station in November.
- Discussion held regarding plans to set up a temporary station in the area of the Station and what would be needed to make this happen.
- DEA Additional Services #12 for the Waterline construction presented for approval.  
***Commissioner Safford made a motion to approve the DEA Additional Services #12. Chairman Nordstrom seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.***
- TCA Additional Services #13 for bidding of 2% of basic service fee for TCA presented for approval.  
***Commissioner Safford made a motion to approve the TCA Additional Services #13. Chairman Nordstrom seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.***
- Discussion held regarding the use of concrete vs. asphalt for the parking lot as asphalt always needs repair.

### **New Business:**

COVID Vaccine Requirement – State mandate that all First Responders, and certain others, be vaccinated or submit an exemption by October 18, 2021, or lose their jobs.

- The District has accommodated exemptions, with the Board's approval, based on Attorney Brian Snure's advice.
- The District has ordered testing kits, which will be reimbursed by FEMA. The District's process will be:
  - Self-administered testing every day for all shifts. If test positive, will get a PCR test to confirm
  - Masks worn in the Station
  - N95's worn on all calls

District #22 Contract for Services – Chief Schmidt had a good meeting with Chief Hots over District #22's concern of imbalance of call responses and reimbursement between the two Districts. It was decided that both Districts would sign something regarding reimbursement of any unfair amount of coverage on both sides. Chairman Nordstrom stated he would like a long-term contract with them, even post-Station 50. Both Chiefs will work together on something.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the Draft 2022 Budget – Chief Schmidt reviewed the proposed budget for the District for 2022:

- If the District passes their Fire Levy, will hire two more Fulltime employees for January 1, 2022; and mid-year will hire a Fulltime Assistant Chief who will handle training.
- The District will apply for a SAFER Grant for two additional Fulltime employees.
- The District will apply for an AFG Grant for one new Engine to replace Engine 49A.

Station 49 Lighting – Discussion regarding getting LED lighting inside the Station Bays. Will try for a PUD loan. Discussion regarding the possibility of LED lighting outdoors also because it needs to be brighter.

### **Chief/Secretary Reports:**

District's Attorney reviewing some proposed changes to the Union contract. Then the Union will review it. Hoping for a vote at the November meeting and ratify it before January 1, 2022.

### **Commissioner Reports:**

Self Defense/Awareness Classes - Commissioner Safford reported that the District will host a training class, put on by the Police, regarding Situational Awareness & Self Defense because recent law changes have established situations that Fire personnel cannot always rely on Police protection on Calls.

### **Announcements:**

- Next Regular Commissioner meeting Monday, November 8, 2021, at 6:30 p.m., at the Arlington Heights Improvement Club.

**Executive Session:** The Board recessed at 9:10 p.m. and went into Executive Session to discuss the District Fire Chief's Evaluation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). It was expected to last until 9:20 p.m. At 9:20 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 9:20 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