

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

### **Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting**

**Monday, March 14, 2022 @6:30 p.m.**

**AHIC**

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

**Attendees:** Chairman Safford, Commissioner Taft, Chief Schmidt & Executive Assistant Tiner. Commissioner Nordstrom was excused for personal business. There was one Guest present.

**Flag Salute:** Led by Chairman Safford

**Public Input:** Citizen Laura Hofmann mentioned a Memorial service for Larry Jantz on Saturday, March 19. She also commented about recent activity at an old drug house in the neighborhood.

**Union Input:** None

**Volunteer Input:** None

### **Consent Agenda:**

- 1) Approval of minutes from February 15, 2021, Regular Meeting
- 2) Payroll: February = \$139,863.73
- 3) Financials: \$84,857.86 – discussed a couple of questions. Change to be made on the L&I bill so will be listed in Equipment Repair instead of Vehicle Repair.

*Commissioner Taft made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items 1 and 2 as presented and item 3 as amended. Chairman Safford seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

### **Old Business:**

#### **Station 50 Update –**

- The Waterline piping has been completed. Testing being performed on it.
- PUD will leave most of the wood from several trees being removed from 30 ft. in front of the Station.
- On Wednesday, March 16, the County will inspect the road in front of the Station.
- Construction Bidding:
  - Thursday, March 17, we will go out to bid for the construction of the Station.
  - Bid closing will be Sunday, April 17, 2022.
  - Bids will be opened on Monday, April 18. Chief Schmidt will be out-of-state at training but will attend via Zoom.
- Should get final building permit sometime this week, Chief Schmidt paid the last installment today (Monday).

**Cummins Charges Concern** – Commissioner Taft reported that he contacted Cummins regarding a November 2021 invoice regarding coolant charges. They are looking into it.

### **New Business:**

**Resolution 2022-01 – Surplus Four Obsolete District Cell Phones** – Old phones being replaced by FirstNet. They will give us money for the old phones.

*Commissioner Taft made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-01 – Surplus Four Obsolete District Cell Phones. Chairman Safford seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

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

- **District Banquet** – Had a good turnout at the District's Annual Awards Banquet on March 5<sup>th</sup>.

- Apparatus Report –
  - Repairs made on the computer in the old Hovercraft, and the motor was inspected. It will eventually be kept at Station #50.
  - We have secured a shed to place behind Station #49 for some apparatus.
  - Commissioner Taft questioned some recent parts purchased for the Brush Truck. Chief Schmidt explained what they were for.
- Equipment –
  - Due to recent increase in fire department thefts and rising oil prices, the fuel pump has a secured lock and all the Rigs received locking gas caps.
- Grants –
  - Applied for two DNR Grants – one for Wildland supplies and one for a Brush Truck for Station #50.
  - Will apply for a Training Grant so that the District can hold their own training classes, and to be able to send some Firefighters to certain training events.
  - Will apply for a Firehouse Subs Grant for a Power Load Stretcher.
  - Investigated the Volunteer Retention Grant – it requires that a person be hired to manage the program. This is not a viable option for the District at this time. The Chief would rather use the money for training.
- “Portal to Portal” – The State has stopped offering pay for drives to and from MOBE sites to Firefighters who will volunteer to fight wildland fires. So some local Fire Districts have opted to increase their hourly pay rate to MOBE Crews. The Chief met with the District Fulltime leaders regarding this and they have requested an increase in hourly pay, up to \$50 from \$29 for all Crews, while fighting the fires.  
***It was the consensus of the Board to increase the hourly pay rate for all Crews from \$29 to \$50 when fighting wildland fires.*** Chief Schmidt will update the MOBE contract.

#### Commissioner Reports:

- Commissioner Safford requested the August 8, 2022, meeting be rescheduled to Monday, August 15, 2022, due to conflicts with his personal travel.  
***Chairman Safford made a motion to move the August 8, 2022, Commissioner meeting to Monday, August 15, 2022, due to personal travel. Commissioner Taft seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.***
- Chelan Conference – Everyone is registered and rooms are secured.
- Chairman Safford asked regarding the balances of calls between District #21 and NCRFA. Chief will run a report.
- Executive Secretary Tiner reported that she will be retiring by the end of September. Will continue to process ESO Patient reports working from home. Will help train her replacement.

#### Announcements:

- Commissioner Special Workshop on Friday, March 25, 2022, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the AHIC
- Next Regular Commissioner meeting on Monday, April 11, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at the AHIC

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

#### **Minutes Approved By:**

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Chairman Safford

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Commissioner Taft

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Commissioner Nordstrom

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Fire Chief/Board Secretary Schmidt