

SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 21
Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting
Monday, May 9, 2022 @6:30 p.m.
AHIC

Call to Order: Chairman Safford called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

Attendees: Chairman Safford, Commissioners Nordstrom & Taft, Chief Schmidt, Project Manager Cargile & Executive Assistant Tiner. There was one Crew present.

Flag Salute: Led by Commissioner Nordstrom

Public Input: Robert Soto of Premium Services discussed the concern, and apparent concern, about the waterline overlay. Suggested the cost to do the overlay be split three ways between the District, the Engineer and Premium Services. The Board will discuss and then let him know their decision.

Union Input: None

Volunteer Input: None

Consent Agenda:

- 1) Approval of minutes from April 11, 2022, Regular Meeting
- 2) Approval of minutes from April 25, 2022, Special Meeting
- 3) Payroll: April = \$156,064.68
- 4) Financials: \$506,588.80

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

Old Business:

Station 50 Update –

- Chief Schmidt and Project Manager Cargile presented the current site's situation for Station 50 and also other possible site options.
- Project Manager Cargile spoke about the value engineering for the current site and that there are 65 items that could be addressed regarding their cost.
- Per the District's Attorney, can enter into an agreement with the lowest construction bidder to discuss the value engineering list. That company will give us 40 hrs. of free time to discuss the list.
- Option suggested to start the land clearing now with our current funds, then rebid the rest of the project later.
- The Contractor needs a decision within 60 days because of their bond time limit.
- The District's Attorney recommends that the District send a letter to the Design Team requesting assistance with the value engineering and the costs that will be incurred due to the delays with the construction drawings.
- Crews have moved into the apartment offered by a Citizen which has much better accommodations for the Crews and Rigs. It is right across the street from the Station site.

Commissioner Nordstrom made a motion to authorize Chief Schmidt to discuss the waterline overlay concern at Station 50 with Premium Services and to offer up to \$9,000.00 towards its cost. Commissioner Taft seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- Discussion held regarding getting the Fire Levy information out to the Citizens.
- The Chief will meet with the Citizen's Group on Thursday and will ask for ideas from them.
- The Chief will also meet with some of the District's Retirees to ask for their input.
- The Board will approve any information that is sent out to the Citizens.

New Business:

Resolution 2022-03 – Wildland Training – The District will receive certification to conduct their own training instead of going through the Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR). This will help speed up the process. Getchell FD will assist the District in establishing their training program.

Commissioner Nordstrom made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-03 – Wildland Training. Chairman Safford seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Resolution 2022-04 – Fire Levy Lid Lift – This will be a one-year Levy, as opposed to the six-year Levy that was run in last November's General Election. If this Levy fails, the District will have to cut Staffing.

Commissioner Nordstrom made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-04 – Fire Levy Lid Lift. Commissioner Taft seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Chief/Secretary Reports:

- **Apparatus Report** – Everything is okay.
- **Equipment** – Nothing new. Returned some hose due to leaks. Crews relaying hose for quicker deployment.
- **Grants** – State Representative Larson has denied the District's request for the new initiative grant for Federal funding of Fire Stations. We still have other options we are waiting to hear about.
- **Calls** – Call volumes have increased recently. The District has seven new Firefighters that have been acclimating to their duties.

Commissioner Reports: None

Announcements:

- Next Regular Commissioner meeting on Monday, June 13, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at the AHIC
- The Board will be attending the Chelan Seminar the weekend of June 3rd.

Executive Session: The Board recessed at 7:55 p.m. and went into Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. to Consider Real Estate Site Selection per RCW 42.30.110(1)(b). It was expected to last until 8:35 p.m. At 8:35 p.m., the Board emerged from Executive Session with no action taken and returned to Regular Session.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Minutes Approved By:

Chairman Safford

Commissioner Taft

Commissioner Nordstrom

Fire Chief/Board Secretary Schmidt