

SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 21

Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting

Monday, July 13, 2022 @6:30 p.m.

AHIC

Call to Order: Chairman Safford called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

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

Flag Salute: Led by Chairman Safford

Public Input: None

Union Input: None

Volunteer Input: Axe Award for former Volunteer Ken Johnson cancelled due to personal reasons.

Consent Agenda:

- 1) Approval of minutes from June 13, 2022, Regular Meeting
- 2) Payroll: June = \$140,320.45
- 3) Financials: \$53,918.77

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

Old Business:

Station 50 Update –

- The sprinkler system is being worked on. It will cost \$150,000 to put in water tanks, but only \$35,000 to extend the water line, So the owner will move forward with extending the water line.
- The owner is waiting on permits to complete improvements.
- The owner requested to renew his current renter's lease on the property for one year, with no renewal after that. It was the Consensus of the Board to renew the current renter's lease on the property for one year, expiring in July of 2023.
- The District will continue to use the property's current landscapers for three years to maintain the large property.

Fire Levy Information Publications – Discussion held on the various forms of communication being used to inform the Citizens regarding the District's Fire Levy Lid Lift. The Chief will include information on the District's Facebook page regarding tax exemptions for Senior Citizens.

Legal Action Update for Station 50 – No current updates.

Administrative Assistant Job Posting – Job was posted on July 6th on the District's website, Facebook page and the Everett Herald.

New Business:

Resolution 2022-05 – District Credit Card Signer Changes – Commissioner Taft objected to the credit card signee change from former Assistant Chief Smith to Commissioner Nordstrom.

Chairman Safford made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-05 – District Credit Card Signer Changes.

Commissioner Nordstrom seconded; Motion carried by a vote of two to one, with Commissioner Taft voting Nay.



Resolution 2022-06 – Authorized Signer for District Finances – This Resolution will add the District's new Financial Director as Signer for all financial matters.

Chairman Safford made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-06 – Authorized Signer for District Finances. Commissioner Nordstrom seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Citizen Thank You – Thank you letter from a local Citizen for her care by our Crews.

Discussion regarding Appreciation for Accountant Randy Krumm – Mr. Krumm served as the District's Accountant for several years. Chief Schmidt will look into some options to show the District's appreciation.

Chief/Secretary Reports:

- Financial Report – Financial Director Perez gave an update on her progress in learning the District's finances. She has been training with former Accountant Krumm. Has finished June's month end report. The District has received monies from GEMT and Wildland reimbursements. Will be receiving another reimbursement for Wildland soon.
- Apparatus Report – The Chief reported that, if the Fire Levy passes, it will bring in just under one million dollars for the District. Discussion held regarding refurbishing fire engines instead of buying new. Refurbished are less expensive and are usually more reliable.
 - A49 should be back from repairs in about two weeks. Thank you to District #15 for the use of their Aid Unit.
 - ATV Unit – Performed a body recovery for CIFR.
 - The Brush Truck is being geared up for the upcoming Wildland Fire Season.
 - The Hovercraft recently responded on water rescue calls.
- Grants -
 - Working on more training grants.
 - Waiting to hear regarding the SAFER Grant that was applied for.
 - Received grant money to purchase CPR dummies. The District will start offering CPR training soon, free, to District Citizens.
 - The Chief will look into a donation program to offer free use of life jackets to the Public at local water areas.
- The Chief will send a thank you to North County Regional Fire Authority for recently taking care of one of the District's employees.
- Discussion held on Paramedic service and the costs of having this supplied by another Agency vs. the costs of the District hiring their own Paramedics.

Commissioner Reports:

- Commissioner Taft suggested selling the old property site for Station 50 while the market is good. Discussion held. The Chief and Commissioner Nordstrom replied that it would be better to wait until the deal with the new property site is finalized, including permits received and the Contract signed.
- Commissioner Taft asked who approves new construction in the District in regards to fire depts. Feels that someone from the Fire District should be part of that process, to determine the ability of fire trucks being able to turn around in new developments. The Chief reported that the County requires the Fire Marshall to handle all approvals. He will look into the possibility of the Fire District participating in these approvals.
- Commissioner Taft – Discussion regarding outside agencies inspecting the Jim Creek Naval Base.

Announcements:

- Next Regular Commissioner meeting on Monday, August 15, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at the AHIC

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.




Minutes Approved By:


Chairman Safford


Commissioner Taft


Commissioner Nordstrom


Fire Chief/Board Secretary Schmidt