

SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 21

Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting

Monday, August 15, 2022 @6:30 p.m.

AHIC

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

Attendees: Chairman Safford, Commissioners Nordstrom & Taft, Chief Schmidt, Finance Director Perez, Administrative Assistant Linklater & Executive Assistant Tiner. There was one Citizen and two Crew present.

Flag Salute: Led by Chairman Safford

Public Input: Citizen Laura Hofmann gave an update on the AHIC rental dates.

Union Input: None

Volunteer Input: None

Consent Agenda:

- 1) Approval of minutes from July 11, 2022, Regular Meeting
- 2) Approval of minutes from July 29, 2022, Special Meeting
- 3) Payroll: July = \$167,520.59
- 4) Financials: \$89,191.78

Finance Director Perez will look into the bill from the Unemployment Dept. regarding a former employee.

Commissioner Nordstrom made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items 1 through 4 as presented.

Commissioner Taft seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Financial Report: Finance Director gave an update on the status of the District's finances:

- She explained about the Quarterly payments that are made each quarter.
- She announced that the District will receive a State Audit soon.
- She requested that the Board let her know what they would like her to report on at their meetings.

Old Business:

Station 50 Update –

- The sprinkler system project is progressing.
- Received the drawings for the road improvements, etc.
- Had a discussion with the owner regarding the removal of smoke odor in the house.
- New septic system, garage door and drain field completed. Shop will be done soon.

Resolution 2022-06 – Authorized Signer for District Finances-Amended – This Resolution was updated to remove former Accountant Krumm at the same time as adding Finance Director Perez.

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

Fire Levy Election Update – It was lost by 3.79%. Difficult to get Community involvement during the Summer due to vacations, etc.

- Will hire a consultant when the District goes out for the next Fire Levy in the Fall of 2023.
- Will state it is a Fire & EMS Levy because the funds cover both. Will make sure we supply better explanations for the Public.
- Will need to make some Staffing changes. Any Staff additions will come from Grants.

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Reader Board Station Signs – Digital reader boards are planned at both of the Stations. Commissioner Taft wants any meeting changes also posted on the boards. Once the owner has moved out of Station 50, the District will post a sign stating “Future Home of Fire Station #50.”

New Business:

WFOA October Conference & SNURE Seminar Attendees – Commissioners declined to attend this year. Chief Schmidt will be attending.

Chief/Secretary Reports:

- Cushman Financial Program – Chief gave an update on the status of the District’s finances and projections for the coming years:
 - Due to the loss of the Fire Levy, the District will end up in the Red. Need to look at what to do to bring the District ahead or even, by 2024.
 - Current Levy will go from \$1.09 to \$.85 in 2023.
 - November of 2023 would be a good time for the District to go out for another Fire Levy. The Chief will look into the costs, etc. and bring the information back to the Board.
- Apparatus Report –
 - FF Nunemaker is working on our Run Cards with Dispatch to more efficiently dispatch our Rigs to calls.
 - Our Aid vehicle should be back next week. The Chief wants Braun to reimburse District #15 for our extended use of their Rig due to Braun’s delay.
- Grants -
 - Will go out for a Fire Engine Grant. We do not have any backup rigs.
- Received the final True Up from NCRFA for 2021 and the District will be getting \$30,000 back.
- Looking at the feasibility of the District financing their own Paramedic program. Approximate cost for a Paramedic is \$750,000 - \$1,000,000. That would be about a \$600,000 adjustment to the District’s budget. There are many things to work on to complete the whole process.

Commissioner Reports - None

Announcements:


- Next Regular Commissioner meeting on Monday, September 12, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at the AHIC

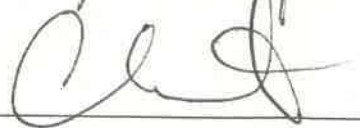
Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Minutes Approved By:


Chairman Safford


Commissioner Taft


Commissioner Nordstrom


Fire Chief/Board Secretary Schmidt