

SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 21

Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting

Wednesday, January 11, 2023 @6:30 p.m.

AHIC

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

Attendees: Chairman Safford, Commissioner Nordstrom, Commissioner Taft, Chief Schmidt, Finance Director Perez, Administrative Assistant Linklater, and 3 citizens.

Flag Salute: Led by Commissioner Taft

Special Recognition – McDonald's employees that helped with large order during the Jim Creek Navy Base Wildland Fire in October were not available to attend and receive recognition. Chief Schmidt will arrange meeting them at McDonald's to present Chiefs Coins.

Public Input:

- Citizen Lon asked about the number of calls that get cancelled in our District and if the District can hire their own paramedics. District needs Fire/EMS Levy to pass to have funds to hire their own Paramedic. Chief said there are a number of cancelled calls the District gets. District 21 received over 1500 calls in 2022.
- Citizen Laura thanked the Fire District for doing the Santa Run and for the help with the Christmas potluck at AHIC, she also inquired about the Citizens Group. Will provide Laura a date for the Citizens Group meeting.

Union Input: None

Volunteer Input: None

Consent Agenda:

- 1) Approval of Minutes from December 12, 2022, Regular Meeting
- 2) Payroll: December = \$136,729.13
- 3) Financials: \$72,852.65

Commissioner Nordstrom made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items 1 through 3 as presented.

Commissioner Taft seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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

Old Business:

2020-2021 Financial Audit –

- Finance Director Perez attends weekly meetings with the Auditors, all has been going very well. Exit Meeting will be held February 8, 2023 during regular monthly Board of Commissioners meeting.

Station 50 Update –

- Chief Schmidt shared updates on road improvements, waterline, and other improvements.
- District currently renting entire shop from property owner.
- After property purchase has been completed, owner will do a short term rent back at market rent.

New Business:

Selection of Chair and Vice Chair for 2023 –

Chairman Safford made a motion to appoint Commissioner Taft as Chairman of the Board for 2023 and Commissioner Nordstrom as Vice Chairman for 2023. Commissioner Nordstrom seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.



360 Evaluation for Fire Chief –

- Feedback has been productive and good. The take aways are more communication, and Firefighters would like more one-on-one evaluations done on their performance.

District Notary –

- Chief Schmidt and the Fire Commissioners agreed there is a need for a District Notary. Administrative Assistant Linklater will begin the process of becoming the District's Notary.

Limited Tax General Obligation Bond Budget –

- Chief Schmidt went over LTGO Bond Budget. Discussion held.

Commissioner Nordstrom made a motion to approve LTGO Bond Budget. Chairman Safford seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Chief/Secretary Reports:

- Apparatus Report – New Engine 49 oil leak. Going back in for repair.
- Equipment Report – Generator at Station 49 was just repaired. Concerned about future replacement.
- Grants – Chief working with Navy Base to receive Grant for Brush Truck.
- Chief discussed the District's ALS contract with North County.
- Full Time Officer Testing went very well. Firefighter Nunemaker has been promoted to Day Time Lieutenant.
- Chief working on News Letter with District updates and importance of Fire/EMS Levy passing.

Commissioner Reports –

- Chairman Safford shared that he attended the Sno-Isle Commissioner Meeting via Zoom.

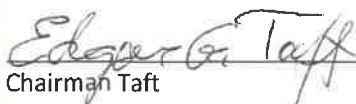
Announcements:

- Next Regular Commissioner Meeting on Wednesday, February 8th, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at the AHIC
- Special Meeting/Executive Session to discuss Real Estate purchase per RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) will be held January 18th, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. at Station 50.

Executive Session – The Board recessed at 7:52 p.m. and went in to Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. to review a Publicly Bid Contract per RCW 42.30110(1)(b). It was expected to last until 8:05 p.m., The Board emerged from Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. with no action taken and returned to Regular Session.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Minutes Approved By:


Chairman Taft


Commissioner Safford


Commissioner Nordstrom


Fire Chief/Board Secretary Schmidt