

**SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 21**  
Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, October 11th, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m.  
@ AHIC

**Call to Order:** Chairman Taft called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

**Attendees:** Chairman Taft, Commissioner Nordstrom, Commissioner Safford, Chief Schmidt, Financial Director Perez, Admin Assistant Linklater, 1 citizen, and 3 crew.

**Flag Salute:** Led by Finance Director Perez

**Public Input:** None

**Union Input:** None

**Volunteer Input:** None

**Consent Agenda:**

- 1) Approval of Minutes from September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Regular Meeting
- 2) Approval of Minutes from October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Special Meeting
- 3) Payroll: August - \$183,667.09
- 4) Claims: \$101,712.94

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

**Financial Report:** Financial Director Perez discussed the Financial Report. Some items on the budget are getting tight due to year-end. The Cushman Model will be reviewed during the November Regular Meeting.

**Old Business:**

**ALS Negotiations** – Chief Schmidt gave an update to how the ALS Negotiations are going with North County Regional Fire Authority (NCRFA). The District received a letter and invoice from NCRFA, District 21 did not agree on the formula used to get this number. District 21 responded with a letter declining the invoice and asked NCRFA to continue negotiating.

*Chairman Taft made a motion not to pay invoice #1095 from North County Regional Fire Authority due to a disagreement in the cost for ALS services. Commissioner Safford seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

*Commissioner Safford made a motion to move forward with establishing District 21's own ALS Services given the letter from North County Regional Fire Authority dated October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 stating if District 21 did not pay invoice #1095 by October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 ALS Services would end on August 1, 2024. Chairman Taft seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

**Community Input Survey** – The District has had good feedback from the survey. The residents voiced they would like CPR/First Aid classes and Elderly Fall Prevention classes offered at District 21. The majority of residents who participated in the survey said they would like District 21 to be staffed with Paramedics.

**Public Forum** – The Fire Commissioners requested a Special Meeting at the beginning of October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Public Forum to approve Regular Meeting Minutes from October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and to approve a Resolution changing the November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Regular Meeting Time. The discussion during the Forum will be questions and answers about the current status of the fire department, the current and future of financial situation, and the future of paramedics in District 21.



Update on vacant land at 17827 McElroy Road, Arlington – Four local Real Estate Agents have been invited to the November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Regular meeting to give Listing Presentations and go over the current market analysis on the property. Commissioners will take a vote at a future Board of Commissioners meeting regarding which Real Estate Agent they will hire to sell the property.

Station 50 update – Needing to move forward with the change of use permit, will reach out to the current project manager to see if she is available or District will need to hire a new manager. The County will not look at Road Improvements until the Change of Use Permit has been completed.

2024 Budget – The first Reading of the District's Draft 2024 Budget will be at the November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Regular Meeting.

New Business: None

**Chief/Secretary Reports:**

- Apparatus Report – All apparatuses are operational. A citizen asked a question as to why the Squad sat outside of the Fire Station. Chief explained the Squad is parked in front of the Bay they keep the hovercraft and ATV trailer so it is ready at all times to hitch up in an emergency.
- Equipment Report – The District is in need of more extraction tools.
- Grants – The District has put in for a Firehouse Grant for extraction tools. No word on SAFER Grant.
- Life Vest Share Program – Firefighter Engle is heading up a Life Vest Share Program where there would be life vests available at a few local rivers where citizens would be able to borrow the life vests and then return at the end of their time at the river.
- Jordan Road – The Chief received a notice that a part of Jordan Road will be closed for road improvements. Unsure if this has to do with the bridge.

**Commissioner Reports** –None

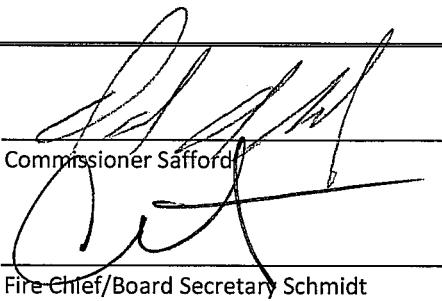
**Announcements:**

- The Next Regular Commissioner Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at AHIC.
- A Special Meeting will be held at the beginning of the Public Forum on Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at Station 49.
- Public Forum will be held Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at Station 50.

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

Minutes Approved By:

  
Chairman Taft

  
Commissioner Safford

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Commissioner Nordstrom

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Fire Chief/Board Secretary Schmidt