

## **SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 21**

Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting

Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m.

@ Station 50

**Call to Order:** Chairman Nordstrom called the meeting to order at 6:29 p.m.

**Attendees:** Chairman Nordstrom, Commissioner Taft, Commissioner Safford, Chief Schmidt, Financial Director Perez, Admin Assistant Linklater, 8 citizens, and 6 members of the crew.

**Flag Salute:** Led by Lieutenant Nunemaker

**Oath of Office** – Chief Schmidt swore in Theodore Taft as the Volunteer Lieutenant for Snohomish County Fire District #21.

*Chairman Nordstrom called a 5-minute recess at 6:33 p.m. for family and friends to have pictures taken with Volunteer Lieutenant Taft. Chairman Nordstrom called the meeting back into session at 6:38 p.m.*

**Community Advisory Group SWOT Results** – Michael Lloyd presented the SWOT results. The Advisory Group recommends the District run a General Purpose Levy. Discussions were held about ideas on ways to improve the District and suggestions about how the District can be more involved in the community.

**Public Input:** The Valentine's Day Father-Daughter Dance at AHIC will be held on Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Dance is free and open to the community.

**Union Input:** Lieutenant Nunemaker thanked the Board of Commissioners for their support and is looking forward to working together on the General Purpose Levy.

**Volunteer Input:** Volunteer Lieutenant Taft said that the Volunteers are looking forward to helping with the General Purpose Levy.

### **Consent Agenda:**

- 1) Approval of Minutes from January 10th, 2024, Regular Meeting
- 2) Payroll: January - \$173,119.95
- 3) Claims: \$51,613.68

*Commissioner Taft made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items 1 through 3. Commissioner Safford seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

**Financial Report:** Financial Director Perez provided an update on the District Finances. Commissioner Safford had a question about the Snohomish County Finance and Clerks Membership dues of \$30 per year. That is for training and networking for Finance Director Perez.

### **Old Business:**

**ALS Services Update** – Chief Schmidt shared that he has been working on the ALS process with the State and county. North County Regional Fire Authority is ending the ALS services they provide to District 21 on July 1, 2024. The process to obtain the District's own ALS License is long and could take a while to get due to there being no more ALS Licenses available. A temporary solution could be to have a contract with Darrington Fire. Another option is to have District EMT's take advanced EMT classes which would allow them to administer some medications and give fluids but they would only be able to provide limited ALS care compared to what a Paramedic can provide. We have not heard any further from North County Regional Fire on negotiations but were told they will be speaking about it at their February Commissioner meeting.



Levy – District 21 is moving forward with running a General Purpose Levy for \$1.40 on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024. Since the levy has failed three years in a row District 21 is depending on this levy passing. It would allow the District to continue paramedic services. It would also allow the District to hire one more Full-Time Firefighter, and funds to maintain the facility and apparatuses to standards.

2024 Volunteer Wages – A discussion was held about the Volunteer Policy. At some point, Chief would like to start a Cadet program for High School students. The 2024 Volunteer wages have increased by \$14 a call depending on volunteer credentials. The Board will review the Volunteer Policy and will continue the discussion during the March Commissioner Meeting.

**New Business:**

Resolution 2024-01 Date Change for February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Regular Meeting - Change the date of the February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Regular Commissioner Meeting to February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 due to lack of quorum.

*Commissioner Taft made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-01 date change of the February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Regular Commissioner Meeting to February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Commissioner Safford seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

Resolution 2024-02 Resolution Providing for the Submission of Levy – Resolution for the District to run a General Purpose Levy on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024.

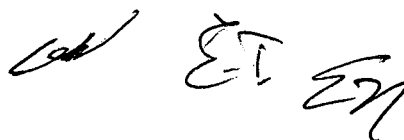
*Commissioner Safford made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-02 Resolution Providing for the Submission of Levy. Commissioner Taft seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

Station 50 Road Work Update – The Chief spoke to a contractor about the road work at Station 50. The contractor is looking into the project and seeing if this is something they have time to take on.

**Chief/Secretary Reports:**

- Apparatus Report – Lt. Nunemaker has been teaching a lot of Pump Classes lately due to a shortage of Certified Drivers. All apparatuses are in service. There were problems with Tender Engine and A50 but fixed now.
- Equipment Report – None
- Grants – The District received a Grant for Wildland Communication Equipment for \$18,000. The District will apply again for the SAFER Grant in March 2024. The New Tender Engine was purchased with the FEMA Grant money. It will take over a year and a half to receive. Commissioner Safford thanked Lieutenant Nunemaker and Firefighter Bates for their hard work in finding a good-priced Tender Engine to purchase.
- Pancake Feed – The District will be hosting a Pancake Feed on March 16<sup>th</sup> at Station 50 and March 17<sup>th</sup> at Station 49. The District is borrowing a Fire Safety Demo trailer for demonstrations.
- 2025 Banquet – 2025 Banquet will be held on January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**Commissioner Reports** – Chairman Nordstrom asked when the next Risk Group Meeting will take place. Admin Assistant Linklater will reach out to the District's Insurance Agent to find out. Commissioner Taft shared that an Oso Commissioner reached out asking if they could meet with District 21 Commissioners to discuss the ALS situation. District 21 Commissioners would be happy to host a meeting. Commissioner Safford said Retiree Coffee attendance has been low, Admin Assistant Linklater will send a reminder out.



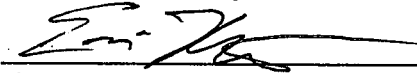
**Executive Session** – The Board recessed at 7:46 p.m. and went into Executive Session at 7:48 p.m. to review the performance of an employee per RCW 42.30.110(g). It was expected to last until 8:07 p.m. The Board emerged from Executive Session at 8:07 p.m. with no action taken and returned to regular session.

**Announcements:**

- The Next Regular Commissioner Meeting will be held on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at AHIC.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

**Minutes Approved By:**



Chairman Nordstrom



Commissioner Safford



Commissioner Taft



Fire Chief/Board Secretary Schmidt