



Draft Business Meeting Minutes, July 8, 2020

BVFF Committee: Molly, Chief Andrews and Karen (recorder) were present. Carsen Smith was not in attendance.

There were no BVFF charges to approve.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm on video conference using Zoom app, with a link posted for public access. Present were Commissioner Chair Bill Tubbs, Vice Commissioner Chair Pat Sample, and Commissioners Michelle Adie, Molly Olson, Doug Rupp and Leigh Christianson. Also present were Chief Eric Andrews, Assistant Chief Ernie Walters, Division Chief Jarrod Spence, Captain Brandon Vargas, Captain Scott Coulson and Secretary Karen McPeters (recorder).

Public Commentary: No public

EXECUTIVE

The county fire agencies were awarded a FEMA grant to pay for all the supplies and equipment purchased through the Chiefs Association and the county. This will pay for all the items purchased jointly. We are also still working on the FEMA public assistance grant paying for at least 75% of the supplies and equipment purchased separately by the District.

Snohomish Co 911 is working on the replacement of all radios in the departments (Mobile and portable radios), funded by a sales tax increase. Motorola has shipped the new radios and work is being done on the planning of the radio configurations. We expect all department radios to be replaced between this December and March of 2021. The new radios will work on the existing system and the new digital system as it changed. We do not expect the digital system to be in place until late 2022.

As approved at the last meeting, Brian Snure has created the legal documents to place the fire levy lid lift on the November ballot.

OPERATIONS

Last month AC Walters had a meeting with Rich Norris (Public Works Director) from the city of Gold Bar to discuss what was needed (permit wise) to remodel the Auxiliary building and the upstairs kitchen area at Station 53. According to Rich, we will only have to submit one plumbing and one mechanical permit for both projects. He stated because all the walls that we want to remove and reframe in are not structural in nature, it does not require a building permit. We will have to have plans drawn up for the four windows that we have to install in the masonry walls. We currently have a structural engineer working on those now. No architect will be needed for the Station 53 remodel.

Two architects are currently working on bids for the remodeling plans for Station 54, then we can contact some contractors to give us bid amounts to do the work.

We received the demo drone two weeks ago and evaluated it for 5 days. The overall consensus was positive and two Autel EVO Dual 2 drones have been purchased for the District. There are

currently three pilots (AC Walters, Capt. Vargas, and Capt. Thurston). Operators will be training with Jeremy Stocker from Getchell Fire, and Snoh Co Search and Rescue.

We have had good success with the public surplus website that we set up last month. We have sold four of the old Ferno cots and two sets of the old extrication tools.

We received confirmation that the new SCBAs should be delivered to us at the end of this month. The SCBAs have been delayed due to the certification of the new SCBA mask.

The hope is to have the new SCBAs in service by the end of August. The retired SCBAs will be retained and used exclusively for training.

SUPPORT SERVICES / TRAINING

The training property design has been redrawn and resubmitted and is still being reviewed. The command trailer is almost complete and Capt Coulson is getting the pricing set up for mobes.

The chipper day was a success with 12 loads of branches that were dropped off, and we are planning to do a similar event in the fall.

The ESTA fire academy received 26 applications, possibly 31 as we are waiting for clarification from District 5 on their recruits that have not signed up yet. At the end of this week we plan to send out a workout schedule, nutritional guidelines, and further information to help prepare the new applicants.

We are also looking at holding an Advanced EMT and have had interest from a good number of department members to validate the need for the class. Capt. Simmons is working on the logistics needs and meeting requirements set by the county.

Lieutenant testing went ahead in the middle of last month. We had three members place and the list was passed onto Operations last month with promotions after final chiefs interviews.

EMS

We continue to monitor and train in proper Covid-19 safety protocols, and have had excellent compliance and no known cases in the department.

Secretary's Report

The Systems Design report and run totals are available for review. All the old records from Station 55 have been removed and shredded or stored, as required by records retention guidelines.

Budget

Currently at 55%

Minutes: Molly moved to approve the June minutes. With a second from Michelle, the motion passed unanimously.

Vouchers: Bill moved to approve vouchers 296 through 350 for \$101,507.34. With a second from Michelle, the motion passed unanimously.

Payroll: Bill moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$86,215.09. With a second from Pat, the motion passed unanimously.

Action Items

Bill moved to approve Resolution 2020-2 regarding running the levy lid lift in November. With a

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second from Michelle, the motion passed with Bill, Michelle, Molly and Leigh voting “yes” and Pat and Doug voting “no”.

The resolution and Snure’s legal description will be delivered to county elections, and advertisements for Pro and Con committees posted on the website and at all 3 fire stations.

Next meeting August 12 at the Index Resident House, unless required to video conference again.

Adjournment 7:40 pm

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