

Whatcom County Fire District 4

Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners

August 9, 2017

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was held on the above date at the district office. Those who attended were as follows: Commissioners Mary Beth Neal, Harry Andrews and Steve Ness; Board Secretary Kris Parks, Assistant Chief Joe Noonchester and Division Chief Henry Hollander. Chief William Pernet was excused. Captain Kris Jorgensen did not attend the meeting.

Commissioner Andrews called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2017 Regular Board Meeting
2. Staff Reports - Chiefs / Operations / Training / Technical Support
3. Board Action Request
4. Financial Report / Vouchers
District #4 Commissioners Direct Deposit Payroll: \$416.00
District #4 Expenditure Voucher: \$510.89
District #4 Capital Voucher: \$30,925.06

The Board received clarification on the following consent agenda items:

Meeting Minutes:

The Board received clarification from Division Chief Hollander regarding the installation date of the washers/dryers.

Board Action Request:

Commissioner Neal inquired if a discussion by the Board is needed to purchase an iPad. Division Chief Hollander provided more information on the iPad purchase.

Staff Report:

Division Chief Hollander informed that the ramp at Building D was repaired and that internet service is also available at the portable building.

Division Chief Hollander informed the Board that the department had 86 total occupancy inspections in the month of July.

Commissioner Ness moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Andrews seconded; motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Washington Survey & Rating Bureau

Assistant Chief Noonchester informed that the department received the initial surveys back.

The NWFR rating needs a review, some deficiencies were found. NWFR submitted a letter and the review process is under way. The District #4 rating will stay the same.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Ness informed the Board that no RFA info is available at this time but will be available in the future.

Assistant Chief Noonchester gave an update on the hiring of a new fire chief for the Lynden Fire Department. Chief Baar was announced interim fire chief until a new fire chief is hired. Assistant Chief Noonchester also provided an operational update between agencies and the Lynden Fire Department.

Former volunteer firefighter Jacob Onouye was hired by the City of Detroit Fire Department.

The new recruits start their training at North Bend on August 9th. They will be available for shifts in the second week of November.

Next Board Meeting: September 14th - 12:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:33 p.m.

Harry Andrews, Chair

Kris Parks, Board Secretary

Motions and Directives:

Consent Agenda:

Commissioner Ness moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Andrews seconded; motion passed.