

Whatcom County Fire District 4

Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners

April 12, 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 and Harry Andrews; Board Secretary Kris Parks, Chief William Pernet, Assistant Chief Joe Noonchester, Division Chief Henry Hollander and Training Captain Kris Jorgensen. Commissioner Steve Ness was excused.

Commissioner Andrews called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Meeting Minutes
 - March 10, 2017 Regular Board Meeting
2. Staff Reports - Chiefs / Operations / Training / Technical Support
3. Financial Report Vouchers / Payroll
 - District #4 Commissioners Direct Deposit Payroll \$520.00
 - District #4 Expense Voucher: \$846.70
 - District #4 Expense Voucher: \$427,776.25

The Board received clarification on the following consent agenda items:

One correction was made to the meeting minutes.

Emergency Station Phones:

Chief Pernet informed the Board that the department is in the process of having emergency 911 phone boxes installed on the outside of the stations near the public entrance. Station 61, 62, 63 have been completed thus far. The department had the first use of the emergency phone at station 63 this month. A person having difficulty breathing came to the station for help while the crew was out on another call. They used the emergency phone and the crew from station 61 was dispatched to aid the patient.

Overtime Hours:

Commissioner Neal received information regarding the March overtime. Assistant Chief Noonchester and Chief Pernet informed that this was due to training and operational overtime.

Some members are out due to illness and the department also has three open positions. The high overtime months are in the summer due to vacation.

IT:

Commissioner Neal received information from Division Chief Hollander regarding Facebook and the email group.

Chief Pernet explained the process and advantages of a consent agenda.

Tax Revenue Report:

The tax revenue was explained to the Board by the Chief.

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

OLD BUSINESS

EMS Levy – Interlocal Agreement

The Chief handed a copy of the approved Interlocal Agreement to the Board.

On 4/18 the County Council will review the agreement at their meeting. The Board will be able to sign the agreement at the May board meeting.

Collective Bargaining Contract 2017 – 2020

Chief Pernet stated to the Board that the district held the first mediation meeting and more meetings are scheduled for next month.

Washington Survey & Rating Bureau

Chief Pernet informed that the department has not yet received the results from WSR.

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing at this time

OTHER

Division Chief Hollander informed that the old 911 Northrop Grumman software will be shut down and the new Versaterm CAD software will start on Tuesday, April 18.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Board Meeting: May 10th - 12:00 p.m.

The joint board meeting that was scheduled for April 20th at 7:00 p.m. at station 61 in Blaine got cancelled.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

Harry Andrews, Chair

Kris Parks, Board Secretary

Motions and Directives:

Consent Agenda:

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