

Whatcom County Fire District 4

Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners

May 16, 2018

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 Anna Melillo; Board Secretary Kris Parks, Chief William Pernet and Division Chief Henry Hollander. Assistant Chief Joe Noonchester was excused due to a response to a fire call.

The Chair opened the board meeting at 12:02 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Meeting Minutes
 - April 17, 2018 Regular Meeting
 - April 19, 2018 Joint Commissioners Meeting
 - April 21, 2018 Special Meeting – Work Session
2. Staff Reports - Chiefs / Operations / Training / Technical Support
3. Financial Report
4. Payroll / Voucher
 - Commissioners Direct Deposit Payroll: \$832.00
 - Expenditure Voucher: \$340.00

The Board received clarification on the following consent agenda items:

Chiefs Division Report:

Chief Pernet provided information to the Board regarding the response times to outside agencies.

Training Division Report:

The Board received information on the Diffusing Anger Training in the workplace hosted free of charge by our insurance company. Through the training each individual was educated on the signs of anger within the organization and were provided the tools to diffuse the situation if necessary.

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

OLD BUSINESS

GEMT Update: Chief Pernet provided an update regarding the Medicare/Medicaid reimbursements. A cost analysis was done by a consulting firm. The Chief will provide more information once available.

NEW BUSINESS

Cell Tower Lease Station 13

The department received a proposal from American Tower regarding the lease of the cell tower. American Tower is interested in entering into a perpetual easement agreement with the department and provided two options for review. Chief Pernet will have more information available at the next board meeting.

Stations 12 and 13 Maintenance

Station 12 is in need of new paint on the outside of the buildings and station 13 needs a new roof.

SCBA Compressor Maintenance

The SCBA compressor needs an update and Chief Pernet asked the Board if the cost for this update could be shared by District # 4 and NWFR. The Chief will provide a proposal to the Board.

Letter from the Whatcom County Auditor's Office

Chief Pernet received a letter from the Whatcom County Auditor's Office informing that the district needs to appoint an agent to receive any claim for damages made under RCW 4.96.020.

Commissioner Neal moved to approve the motion to appoint the Fire Chief as the agent to receive any claim for damages under RCW 4.96.020. Commissioner Andrews seconded; motion passed.

The resolution will be on the June board meeting agenda.

Next Board Meeting: June 12th - 12:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:49 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.

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