

Whatcom County Fire District 4

Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners

November 13, 2018

The public hearing and 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: Mary Beth Neal and Anna Melillo; Board Secretary Kris Parks, Chief William Pernet, Assistant Chief Joe Noonchester and Division Chief Henry Hollander. Commissioner Harry Andrews was excused due to illness.

PUBLIC HEARING – 2019 LEVY INCREASE

The Vice-Chair opened the public hearing for the 2019 levy increase at 12:00 p.m. and asked for public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Chief Pernet explained the resolutions to the Board and answered tax levy questions.

BOARD ACTION

- Resolution 2018-2: Property Tax Levy
- Resolution 2018-3: EMS Tax Levy

Commissioner Neal moved to approve the Resolution 2018-2 and 2018-3. Commissioner Melillo seconded; motion passed.

The public hearing adjourned at 12:03 p.m. and the regular board meeting opened at 12:03 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Meeting Minutes
 - October 16, 2018 Regular Meeting
2. Staff Reports - Chiefs / Operations / Training / Technical Support
3. Board Action Requests: Budget Adjustments
4. Financial Report
5. Vouchers
 - District #4 Commissioners Direct Deposit Payroll: \$520.00
 - Expense Voucher: \$6,813.29
 - Capital Voucher: \$13,546.23

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

OLD BUSINESS

Interlocal Agreement to provide Automatic Aid

Chief Pernet provided information on the interlocal agreement. This agreement transfers with mergers/fire authorities.

Commissioner Neal moved to approve the interlocal agreement, Commissioner Melillo seconded; motion passed.

Station 12 Bay Lights

Division Chief Hollander stated that the bay lights need to be replaced and that grants are only available for LED lights. He is currently working on applying for a grant.

Bellingham Mt. Baker/Britton Road Annexation

Chief Pernet is working with the City of Bellingham on mitigation payments.

The district will receive the full tax amount in the year 2019 since the annexation does not go into effect until spring 2019.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2018-05 – Compensation for Fire Commissioners

The resolution has been moved to the December agenda.

Next Board Meeting/Public Hearing: December 12th - 12:00 p.m.

Tree Removal at Station 12

Division Chief handed out a quote from Kendall's Tree Service, LLC for removal of trees, grinding down tree stumps and planting new trees at station 12 at the last board meeting and the Board reviewed the trees at the station. This item will go on the December agenda.

SCBA Fill Station Upgrade/Repairs

Division Chief Hollander informed that the SCBA upgrade/repair is in progress.

Chief Pernet gave a quick update on the budget. The 2019 budget has a line item for commissioners to attend training.

SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Mary Beth Neal, Vice-Chair

Kris Parks, Board Secretary

Motions and Directives:

Public Hearing

- Resolution 2018-2: Property Tax Levy
- Resolution 2018-3: EMS Tax Levy

Commissioner Neal moved to approve the Resolution 2018-2 and 2018-3. Commissioner Melillo seconded; motion passed.

Regular Board Meeting

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

Commissioner Neal moved to approve the interlocal agreement, Commissioner Melillo seconded; motion passed.