

Whatcom County Fire District 4

Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners

December 18, 2019

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: Commissioners Mary Beth Neal, Harry Andrews and Anna Melillo; Board Secretary Kris Parks, Chief Jason Van der Veen, Division Chief Herschel Rostov and legal counsel Rich Davis.

PUBLIC HEARING – 2020 Budget

The Chair, Mary Beth Neal, opened the public hearing for the 2020 budget at 12:00 p.m. and asked for public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Chief Van der Veen and Finance Officer Kris Parks provided information to the Board and answered budget questions.

BOARD ACTION

- Resolution 2019-5: Adopting the 2020 Budget/Fire
- Resolution 2019-6: Adopting the 2020 Budget/EMS

Commissioner Neal moved to approve the Resolutions 2019-5 and 2019-6. Commissioner Andrews seconded; motion passed.

The public hearing adjourned at 12:07 p.m. and the regular board meeting opened at 12:07 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Meeting Minutes
 - November 9, 2019 Budget Workshop Special Meeting
 - November 13, 2019 Regular Meeting
2. Staff Reports - Chiefs / Operations / Training / Technical Support
3. Financial Report
4. Vouchers / Payroll
 - District #4 Commissioners Direct Deposit Payroll: \$896.00

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

NEW BUSINESS

Petition for Merger

Chief Van der Veen handed master plan information and another copy of the memorandum from the district legal counsel Rich Davis regarding a merger for review to the Board.

Rich Davis provided an update on the EMS levy to the Board and answered questions regarding the merger. The departments will hire a consultant to prepare for the merger.

Commissioner Melillo moved to approve the Petition for Merger, Commissioner Andrews seconded; motion passed.

Resolution 2019-7: SCBA Equipment Surplus

Chief Van der Veen explained the resolution to the Board.

Commissioner Neal moved to approve the Resolutions 2019-7. Commissioner Andrews seconded; motion passed.

2020 Annual Interlocal Agreement Meeting Date

The retreat for both Boards is scheduled for March 13, 2020.

2020 Board Meeting Calendar

The Board set the January meeting date for January 13th at noon.

The remaining meeting dates will go on the January agenda when the new fire commissioner is present.

2020 Election of Chairman and Vice Chair

The Board asked for nominations for the year 2020 for the position of Chairman and Vice Chair of the Board. Commissioner Andrews made the motion to nominate Commissioner Melillo for Chairman of the Board; all are in favor and motion passed.

Commissioner Melillo made the motion to nominate Commissioner Andrews as the Vice Chair of the Board; all are in favor and motion passed.

Chief Van der Veen and D. C. Rostov shared an article from the Bellingham Herald regarding a fire that happened in district 4.

The term for Fire Commissioner Mary Beth Neal expires on December 31, 2019.

She served two 6 year terms as a Fire Commissioner for Whatcom County Fire District 4.

Commissioner Andrews thanked Commissioner Mary Beth Neal for her service as a fire commissioner and Chief Van der Veen thanked her for serving the citizens and the community for 12 years.

Next Board Meeting: January 13th - 12:00 p.m.

SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS

The meeting was adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

Anna Melillo, Chair

Kris Parks, Board Secretary

Motions and Directives:

Resolutions

- Resolution 2019-5: Adopting the 2020 Budget/Fire
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Consent Agenda

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