



Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One

Commissioners' Meeting

February 23, 2016

Chairman Duncan called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Present were: Commissioners Sutich, Nelson and Entze, Chief Burgess, A/Chiefs Watson & Nixon, D. Weyn, B/Chiefs Meyer and Kauppila, D/Chief Waters, Lts. Bjurstrom and Teeple, P. Couture, G. North, M. Kuhr, N. Johnson, M. Stevens, R. Wotherspoon, J. Ruyf and family, Lt. Szczepanski and family, Lt. J. Johnson and family, Z. Smith

Our flag salute was led by Chairman Duncan.

Commissioner Sutich updated the board on an email for a Fire Commissioner Seminar in Thurston County.

There were no changes to the Agenda.

Commissioners Sutich and Entze moved and seconded approval of the minutes from the February 9, 2016 meeting as mailed. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Commissioners Nelson and Sutich moved and seconded a motion to approve Blanket Vouchers 160218-160273 in the amount of \$73,452.49. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

A/Chief Nixon updated the Board on the following:

- Visited the Recruit Academy this week; recruits will have their first evaluation on Friday, which will be the end of their 3rd week. There are a total of twenty recruits in the class from multiple agencies. We have sent some of our equipment to use for training.

A/Chief Watson updated the Board on the following:

- Budgeted replacement copiers and printers have been ordered for all stations. We will be leasing the new machines and they should be delivered by March 1.
- The Zoll monitor install is almost completed; training has been completed with the crews.

Chief Burgess updated the Board on the following:

- There will be a temporary appointment of a 3rd Assistant Chief. The position has remained vacant since A/C Miller's retirement on 3/31/12. The work has been

reassigned to the two current Assistant Chiefs. The District has also relied heavily on temporarily assigned Battalion Chiefs, and on those members working “modified duty” to complete the work. Recent staff changes have created an opportunity to bring this position back while remaining within the budget amounts allocated for this work. The position will be responsible for the following: Budget & Finance, Grant Writing, Planning and Policy & Procedures. We hope to fill the position by April 1, 2016 using an internal process. The position will be reevaluated after six months. The process will include letters of interests from qualified members and a Fire Chief’s interview.

Standing Committee Reports:

Commissioner Sutich updated the board on the contract negotiations for Maintenance Workers; the negotiations are almost complete, with another meeting this Thursday.

Old Business

Chairman Duncan presented the Board with the Timeline for hiring the new Commissioner. Commissioner Sutich stated that he does not agree with background check portion of the process. Commissioners Duncan and Nelson moved and seconded a motion to approve the inclusion of background checks to the Commissioner appointment process. With some further discussion, the motion carried by roll call vote. Commissioner Nelson asked for email updates on the timeline for hiring.

New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

Public Comment

Z. Smith gave feedback on the Safe Sitter class; his daughter attended the last class and she gained a lot of valuable knowledge. He stated it was a very good class and valuable program.

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Chief Waters wanted to remind everyone that the Health and Safety Expo will be taking place on Saturday, March 5. There is a new Hep-C screening booth. All screenings are free. He encourages everyone to attend.

Chief Burgess updated the Board on his recent trip to Mexico with A/Chief Nixon; seven houses were built during the trip, and there was a structure fire while they were there.

Chief Burgess and A/Chief Nixon handed out awards to those who were unable to attend the 2015 Awards Banquet:

A/Chief Nixon awarded the “Chief’s Company” award to Lieutenant John Johnson and Paramedic Geoff North.

A/Chief Nixon awarded the “Rookie of the Year” award to Volunteer Jason Ruyf, who was at the top of his class at most everything during the academy.

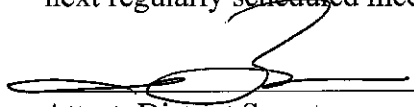
Chief Burgess awarded a "Chief's Award" to Battalion Chief Todd Meyer. This past year, one of our Chaplains, Chuck Elliott, passed away unexpectedly. BC Meyer went above and beyond by taking care of Chuck's wife, and continued to do so without anyone knowing. His actions clearly represent our District's Core Values.

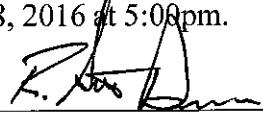
Chief Burgess awarded a "Chief's Award" to Paramedic Norby Johnson. This summer we had an incredibly busy wildland season. Reviews from the State show that our District performs extremely well. PM Johnson has been running the program for us for about 15 years.

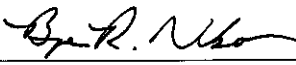
Special Interests/Upcoming Events


There were no special interests/upcoming events.

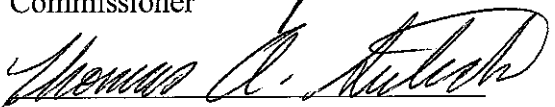
There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Duncan moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 p.m. No further business was introduced and the motion carried. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held March 8, 2016 at 5:00pm.


Attest: District Secretary


Chairman Commissioner


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