

Commissioners' Meeting

July 13, 2015

Chairman Entze called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Present were: Commissioners Sutich, and Stephens, Chief Burgess, A/Chiefs Watson & Nixon, D. Weyn, Pat Riley, D/Chiefs Johnson & Lyon, VD/Chief Petersen, BC Kauppila, Lts. Bjurstrom & Langlow, Members of Local 3390, L. Schroeder, A. Mattila, K. Fogle, Citizens K. Kreitzer & Jeff Bennett, Friends & Family of Lt. N. Langlow & D/Chief Johnson & Jeff Bennett

Our flag salute was led by Chairman Entze.

Commissioners Duncan and Nelson had excused absences.

No communications were received.

There were no changes to the Agenda.

Commissioners Sutich and Stephens moved and seconded approval of the minutes from the June 22, 2015 meeting as mailed. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Commissioners Sutich and Stephens moved and seconded a motion to approve Blanket Vouchers 150914 - 150996 the amount of \$299,791.23 and Payroll Vouchers 150997 – 151020 in the amount of \$823,942.50 for a total consideration of \$1,450,312.45. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Chief Burgess updated the Board on the following:

- Rode along with Station 51 on the 4th of July; there were only two significant brush fires, both on Fox Island. There was one significant car accident involving family members of the Fire Department on Purdy Drive.
- The District was awarded a SAFER Grant which will fund 6 new hires for two years.

A/Chief Nixon updated the Board on the following:

- Last month saw more of a reduction to staffing at Station 56; the station was closed 19 out of the 30 days.

A/Chief Watson updated the Board on the following:

- New Medic Unit is having idle reduction technology added to it; it will be back tomorrow. We are very close to putting it on the line.

D/Chief Lyon updated the Board on the following:

- We are accredited through IFSAC to test individuals on the FF1 and FF2 certifications; as of Wednesday, all career staff are Fire Fighter 1 certified, which identifies us to FEMA and the Washington State training bureau at a standard which will help with grant writing. Next step for career staff is FF2 over the next 5 years.
- Saturday we tested all of the new recruits; 14 of 16 passed.

At this time, Chief Burgess announced that a Citizen's Award will be presented to Citizen Jeff Bennett. Mr. Bennett was credited with helping to save a home from extensive fire damage. On July 7, a fire started on the deck of a home off of Jahn Ave. Mr. Bennett extinguished most of a fire with a garden hose, and his quick action saved the home. Crews felt Mr. Bennett made a significant difference in the outcome of the situation.

Standing Committee Reports:

Commissioner Entze announced that Support Staff contracts have been completed and approved and will be signed today.

Old Business

Strategic Planning; a SWOT analysis is being done for each of the shifts; have met with C-Shift already and will be meeting with B-Shift tomorrow. A report will be generated at the end of August.

New Business

P.Riley presented the board with a first read of Resolution 2015-09, which will allow the district to formally accept the money from the SAFER Grant, and also approve the benefits and salaries for the new hires. P. Riley thanked Lt. Dan Bjurstrom for writing the grant and making it possible for the district to hire more firefighters this year.

Chief Burgess presided over the Promotional Ceremony for Medical Division Chief Calvin Johnson and Lieutenant Nicholas Langlow. Family members were introduced and participated in the pinning of the Badges and collar brass.

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Chairman Entze announced the signing of documents.

Special Interests/Upcoming Events

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Entze moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:40 p.m. No further business was introduced and the motion carried. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held Monday, July 27 at 3:00 PM.

Attest: District Secretary

Chairman Commissioner

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