

## **Commissioners' Meeting**

October 10, 2011

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

Present were: Commissioners Casebolt, Entze, Stephens and Jarmon, Chief Burgess, A/Chiefs Watson, Miller & Nixon, D/Chiefs Lyon & Waters, L. Abbott, J. Brenner, Lt's. Booth & Duncan, Local 3390 Representatives, Shift Personnel, D. Togstad, Eric Wilson

Our flag salute was led by Scott Casebolt.

Commissioners Casebolt and Jarmon moved and seconded approval of the minutes from the September 26, 2011 meeting as mailed. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Commissioners Entze and Casebolt moved and seconded a motion to approve Blanket Vouchers 112327 - 112406 in the amount of \$294,454.50 and Payroll Vouchers 112407 - 112513 in the amount of \$1,057,740.89 for a total consideration of \$1,352,195.39. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Chief Burgess updated the Board on the following:

- Prevention Division Chief Waters updated the Board on the grant received for the smoke detector program for low income members of our community. Smoke detectors that had been installed from the grant received ten years ago are being replaced with the new ones received. Extras will be installed as needed.
- Chief Burgess then introduced Mr. Eric Wilson, consultant for the EMS Levy. Mr. Wilson updated the Board on the program he is developing for the phone survey questions being formulated which will be utilized for feedback from the local citizens. He provided the Board members a handout that expanded on an overview of the district, the need for the levy increase, the cost of the levy and what it will pay for. He continued to expand on the level of questions that will be asked during the phone survey and plans to be able to utilize a cross section of three to four thousand connections to provide a good source of data that will determine the climate of acceptance by the citizens polled for the proposal. These calls will begin within the next couple of weeks.
- Chief Burgess announced he will be attending the Gig Harbor City Council meeting this evening at 5:30 pm regarding the proposed sprinkler ordinance and will speak to the Districts staffing requirements needed if this ordinance passes. Commissioner Sutich recently sent a letter to Mayor Hunter expressing the District's concern on the need to pass this ordinance.

- Reported on the DRS case still pending with Nanette Tatom regarding her enrollment into Leoff II or PERs II retirement systems. He expanded on the history of the situation that began in 1997. Legal counsel has informed the District that a potential settlement is being explored with the stipulation that the District agrees to utilize Nanette Tatom in a EMT roll as well as a Prevention Specialist. With the Boards approval, Chief Burgess is prepared to draft a letter agreeing to the terms and if accepted a re-write of the job description would need to be completed to accommodate the change. All members of the Board agreed and authorized Chief Burgess to proceed.

Assistant Chief Watson updated the Board on the following:

- Provided an update on the construction progress at Stations 53 & 57. Weekly construction meetings have been very positive. One minor soil issue at both stations has been found however nothing that will slow the progress at either site.

Assistant Chief Miller updated the Board on the following:

- Provided an update on the public website that will be available for previewing next week. Training for personnel managing the website will begin this week.

Assistant Chief Nixon updated the Board on the following:

- Reminded the Board about the 9/11 Memorial Steel *invitation only* exhibit preview at the Harbor History Museum this Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 – 7:30 pm.
- The new Rescue Truck is at the shop; internal equipment is being installed and it will be in-service within the next few weeks.

### **Standing Committee Reports:**

Commissioners Sutich and Jarmon along with Chief Burgess attended the Local 3390 labor negotiation meetings held on September 28<sup>th</sup> and October 7<sup>th</sup>. Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **Old Business**

L. Abbott presented the Board with a more comprehensive draft of the 2012 Budget being prepared for the November 30<sup>th</sup> deadline. 2012 Budget Workbooks were provided to the Board for their review. She provided detailed explanations of the documents and charts prepared. The revenue hearing will be held at the next regular Board meeting on October 24, 2011.

### **New Business**

Chief Burgess addressed the Board regarding the State Mobilization Deployment and compensation of exempt personnel. Handout was provided to the Board for their review which included an e-mail from legal counsel as well as an Appendix J and Resolution model from the Washington Fire Services Resource Mobilization Plan 2009 Version.

Due to the shortage of Chief Officers to assist the State on these mobilizations it has spurred the District to support the States needs. Joe Quinn will be developing a resolution for the Board to approve at the next regular Board meeting on October 24, 2011. He expanded on the State's agreement to extend payment to exempt personnel to fill the void.

There was no public comment.

### **Good of the Order**

Chairman Sutich announced the signing of documents.

Commissioner Jarmon announced that he will be having surgery on October 18<sup>th</sup> and will be taking a month's leave of absence.

Commissioner Casebolt reported on a recent article in the TNT regarding Medicaid's plans to cut off payments after a patient's third trip to the ER for non-emergencies.

### **Special Interests/Upcoming Events**

- Chief's Burgess, Watson, Miller, Nixon and Lt. Booth attended the Peninsula School District Annual Education Foundation Fundraiser at Canterwood on October 6<sup>th</sup>. Guest speaker was Michael Young, President of the University of Washington.
- A/Chief Nixon was the guest speaker at the Gig Harbor Welcome Club Men's Group meeting on October 8<sup>th</sup>. He provided them with an overview of the department.
- Chief Burgess & D/Chief Waters met with the Gig Harbor Lions Club on October 10<sup>th</sup> regarding the South Sound 911 program.
- The Washington Fire Commissioners Association Annual Conference will be held on October 27th, 28th & 29th at the Red Lion Hotel at the Park in Spokane, WA. Commissioners Sutich, Stephens and Casebolt will be attending.

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioners Casebolt and Entze moved and seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:20 pm. No further business was introduced and the motion carried. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held October 24, 2011 at 3:00 PM.

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Attest: District Secretary

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