

Commissioners' Meeting

November 9, 2015

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

Present were: Commissioners Sutich, Duncan, Stephens, and Nelson, Chief Burgess, A/Chiefs Watson & Nixon, D. Weyn, P. Riley, B/Chief Meyer, VDC Petersen, Lt. Black, Lt. Bjurstrom, A. Mattila, A. Cochrane, K. Kreitzer, Z. Smith

Our flag salute was led by Chairman Entze.

Chief Burgess presented a letter to the Board from Lowell Porter with CCNET regarding our agreement for our radio system; A/Chief Nixon would like to add to the contract.

There were no changes to the Agenda.

Commissioners Sutich and Nelson moved and seconded approval of the minutes from the October 26, 2015 meeting as mailed. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Commissioners Nelson and Stephens moved and seconded a motion to approve Blanket Vouchers 151580 - 151647 in the amount of \$63,250.23 and Payroll Vouchers 151648 - 151670 in the amount of \$1,201,798.72 for a total consideration of \$1,265,048.95. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

A/Chief Nixon updated the Board on the following:

- Staffing for Station 56 in October was down to 17%; the first month we have seen with no overtime savings. We are seeing the effects of overall low staffing at this time of year.

A/Chief Watson updated the Board on the following:

- New Medic Unit has been budgeted for 2016; a letter of intent has been signed in order to reserve a spot in production.
- Payroll is invoicing roughly \$55,000 for equipment used during the Wildland season. We have currently received \$18,000.

Chief Burgess updated the Board on the following:

- Conditional Offers of Employment will be going out this week to those selected in the hiring process. Background checks, physical, and psychological tests will be conducted once the COEs go out.
- Strategic Planning is continuing; will be getting a work group together next week to look at the main problem areas.
- A letter has been sent to Paul Rice and Ron Williams at the City of Gig Harbor affirming the District's continued support of voluntary fire inspections.

Standing Committee Reports:

There were no Standing Committee Reports

Old Business

There was no Old Business

New Business

- A/Chief Watson presented the Board with the first read of the Peninsula Light Company easement contract. They would like to replace power lines that keep failing and need an underground easement at Station 51.
- P. Riley provided the Board with the 2015 Draft Budget Resolutions and documents for the Final Budget which will be presented at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting on November 23, 2015 in order to meet the November 30, 2015 deadline.
- Chief Burgess presented the board with the first read of the contract renewal for legal counsel. The hourly rate will stay the same.
- D. Weyn presented the board with the first read of Resolution 2015-13 regarding the 457 loan program. This resolution will allow employees to borrow from their 457 accounts with the ability to pay it back over five years. There would be no additional cost to the district.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Good of the Order

Volunteer D/Chief Petersen wanted to recognize Veterans for their service. He will be leading Troop 282 in a twenty one gun salute on Veterans Day at Jerisich Park at 11:00 am.

Chairman Entze announced the signing of documents.

Special Interests/Upcoming Events

Father Mark Guzman from Saint Nicholas Catholic Church will be recognizing first responders tonight at the Gig Harbor City Council Meeting at 5:00pm.

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Entze moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:35 p.m. No further business was introduced and the motion carried. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held November 23, 2015 at 3:00 PM.

Attest: District Secretary

Chairman Commissioner

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