

Commissioners' Meeting

March 12, 2012

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, B/Chief Meyer, D/Chief Shoemaker, L. Abbott, J. Brenner, K. Fogle, M. Smith, Local 3390 Representatives, Shift Personnel, K. Kreitzer

Our flag salute was led by Randy Stephens.

No communications were received.

Commissioners Casebolt and Stephens moved and seconded approval of the minutes from the February 27, 2012 meeting as mailed. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Commissioners Entze and Casebolt moved and seconded a motion to approve Blanket Vouchers 120462 - 120546 in the amount of \$381,646.56 and Payroll Vouchers 120547 - 120653 in the amount of \$1,059,608.28 for a total consideration of \$1,441,254.84. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

L. Abbott presented the financial report for December 2011 and Year End. Expense Fund balance totaled \$5,907,147 in cash and investments for December. Reserve Fund balance ended the month at \$5,400,201 in cash and invested funds. Revenues in the amount of \$17,821,432 have been collected so far this year representing 96.00% of the revenues forecast for 2011. Expenditures utilized to date of December 31, 2011 reached \$17,280,806 (93.09%) of the total budgeted amount. 2011 Year End Expenditures reached \$18,018,190 (97.06%) of the total budgeted amount. Earnings totaled \$17,632.27 earned to date on investments from both the Expense and Reserve accounts. HRA year to date earnings totaled \$2,161.60. Tax Collection figures for December; forecast amount was \$101,824 (0.67%); actual amount collected was \$106,950 (0.70%). Tax year to date amount received is \$14,635,585 (96.30%). Commissioners Jarmon and Entze moved and seconded a motion to approve the report as given. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Chief Burgess updated the Board on the following:

- Informed the Board of his schedule to meet with community organizations and media to provide them with facts and information on the upcoming EMS Levy. A

copy of this schedule was provided to each Board member. Commissioner Sutich has been accompanying him to these presentations. An EMS Levy “Informational Booth” was also provided at Saturday’s Health & Safety Expo where Chief Burgess, Commissioners Sutich and Entze spoke to attendees from the District.

Assistant Chief Watson updated the Board on the following:

- Fox Island Fire Station 53 *Dedication & Open House* will be held on Friday, April 6, 2012 from 4:00 – 5:30 pm. Invitations have been mailed. Personnel will move into the station tomorrow.

Medical Division Chief Shoemaker updated the Board on the following:

- The Health & Safety Expo was held on Saturday, March 10th. Event was well attended, 475 people came through the door. He provided individual counts for the different levels of testing that were made available to the participants. He recognized Kathy Fogle for her excellent support in facilitating this event and thanked everyone who helped out during this event. Chief Burgess agreed with D/Chief Shoemaker thanking Kathy Fogle and D/Chief Shoemaker for their work each year putting this event together.

No Standing Committee Reports were introduced.

Old Business

Chief Burgess addressed the Board regarding the EMS Levy Ballot title change. The ballot title submitted by resolution to the Pierce County Prosecuting Attorney’s office was changed to better follow the letter of the statute that regulates the language allowed to be placed on the ballot. He expanded on the differences after L. Abbott read the two ballot versions to the audience. He further discussed the cost of placing the measure on the ballot as only two other agencies are running measures on the April 17, 2012 ballot. To save money the “Explanatory Statement” from the voter’s pamphlet will be included as a one page insert in with each ballot. Some open discussion continued regarding the status of the “For” and “Against” committee statements and the ballot measure title.

New Business

Chief Burgess addressed the Board regarding the PERC Representation Petition. Local 3390 notified the District that they would like to represent three (3) positions within the department. Joe Quinn was asked for his recommendation and he suggested the District voluntarily acknowledge those individuals be allowed to be represented by Local 3390. The letter sent by Chief Burgess to PERC recognizing the request was read to the Board and the audience. Copies of the PERC documents were provided to the Board for their review.

Chief Burgess addressed the Board regarding the appointment of the new Infectious Control Officer (ICO) due to Assistant Chief Miller's retirement at the end of this month. The resolution will be presented to the Board naming Division Chief Shoemaker as the ICO at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting on March 26, 2012. Assistant Chief Miller expanded as to the responsibilities of the ICO position.

There was no public comment.

Good of the Order

Chairman Sutich announced the signing of documents.

Assistant Chief Nixon reported on the Scott Firefighter Stair Climb that was held on Sunday, March 11th at the Columbia Center in Seattle. Eight department members participated in this year's event raising \$3,000 for the GHF&MO team.

Commissioner Casebolt reported that he attended the Orange County Fire Authority Pipes & Drums annual St. Patrick's Day event on behalf of the Pierce County Pipes & Drums. The FDNY Pipes & Drums were also present; he met with the FDNY Fire Chief who spoke very highly of the personnel members that picked up the WTC Steel Beam.

Special Interests/Upcoming Events

Pierce County Fire Commissioners meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on Thursday, March 22nd at PCFD #16 Key Peninsula - 8911 Key Peninsula Highway KPN, Lakebay.

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioners Jarmon and Entze moved and seconded a motion 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 March 26, 2012 at 3:00 PM.

Attest: District Secretary

Chairman Commissioner

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