

## **Commissioners' Meeting**

June 25, 2012

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

Present were: Commissioners Casebolt, Entze and Jarmon, A/Chief Nixon, B/Chief Pearson, L. Abbott, J. Brenner, Vol. D/Chief Petersen, Lt. Duncan, K. Kreitzer

Commissioner Stephens has an excused absence.

Our flag salute was led by Scott Casebolt.

No communications were received.

Commissioners Casebolt and Jarmon moved and seconded approval of the minutes from the June 11, 2012 meeting as mailed. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Commissioners Entze and Casebolt moved and seconded a motion to approve Blanket Vouchers 121498 - 121578 in the amount of \$103,044.54. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Assistant Chief Nixon updated the Board on the following:

- We are currently working on submitting Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) FEMA Grants for Blue Card Incident Command Level Training. PCFD #5 is submitting a joint grant with PCFD #16 and a regional grant with Olympia Fire.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

Chairman Sutich announced a Tentative Agreement has been reached between Local 3390 and PCFD #5 on the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

### **Old Business**

There was no Old Business to discuss.

### **New Business**

L. Abbott presented the Board with copies of the 2013 Budget Process & Timeline for their review.

L. Abbott addressed the Board regarding Bridge Inspections. The Raft Island Improvement Association, a private homeowners association, recently requested the District to pay one-half of the engineering costs related to assessing the load capacity of their private road bridge to the island. This request was made due to concern as to whether the bridge has the capacity to safely hold certain district apparatus, should they be responding to the island for an emergency or otherwise. Legal counsel was sought and Attorney Joe Quinn responded via e-mail letter to Chief John Burgess. Copies of this letter were provided to the Board for their review. Mr. Quinn's response stated that Article 8, Section 7 of the Washington State Constitution prohibits gifts or loans of credit to any person by government agencies, except for the "poor and infirm". As there are a number of private bridges in the district he suggested that a qualified engineer be retained to study the capacity of all private bridges in the PCFD #5 service area. Open discussion continued regarding the impact to the District in paying for any engineering costs. Recommendation was made that County or State agencies provide their engineers to do the inspections, if load limit is not already on file with either agency. Administration will research further options and report back to the Board at a later date.

There was no public comment.

### **Good of the Order**

Chairman Sutich announced the signing of documents.

Lt. Scott Duncan is retiring on June 29, 2012 after 25 years of service for PCFD #5.

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

- Pierce County Fire Commissioners meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at Pierce County Department of Emergency Management - 2501 S. 35th, Tacoma.
- The Crescent Valley Fire Station 57 "*Dedication & Open House*" will be held on Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 5:30 pm. Dedication will take place at 4:00 pm. All are welcome to attend.
- This year's MDA "Fill the Boot" will be held June 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup> at Stinson and Rosedale.
- Tacoma Freedom Fair Wings & Wheels will be held at the Tacoma Narrows Airport on Sunday, July 1, 2012 from 11 am – 5 pm.
- The formal swearing in and pinning of Prevention Division Chief Eric Waters will be held at the July 9, 2012 Board Meeting. All interested personnel, family and friends are invited to attend.
- Pierce County Fire Chiefs will not be holding a meeting in July.
- Pierce County Fire Commissioners meeting and annual Picnic/BBQ will be held at 6:00 pm on Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at the LeMay Car Museum in Tacoma. Copies of the flyer were provided to the Commissioners.

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioners Sutich and Casebolt moved and seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:30 p.m. No further business was introduced and the motion carried. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held July 9, 2012 at 3:00 PM.

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Attest: District Secretary

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