

Commissioners' Meeting

August 13, 2012

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

Present were: Commissioners Entze and Jarmon, Chief Burgess, A/Chiefs Watson & Nixon, B/Chief Kauppila, L. Abbott, J. Brenner, Vol. D/Chief Petersen, Retired Vol. D/Chief Teeple, Local 3390 Representatives, Shift Personnel, J. Quinn, K. Kreitzer

Commissioners Stephens and Casebolt have excused absences.

Our flag salute was led by Steve Nixon.

No communications were received.

Commissioners Jarmon and Entze moved and seconded approval of the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held July 23, 2012 and the July 30, 2012 Special Meeting as mailed. With no further discussion, the motions carried.

Commissioners Entze and Jarmon moved and seconded a motion to approve Blanket Vouchers 121765 - 121886 in the amount of \$270,718.83 and Payroll Vouchers 121896 - 122007 in the amount of \$1,115,949.73 for a total consideration of \$1,386,668.56. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Chief Burgess updated the Board on the following:

- On Friday, August 10th, the Fire District applied for a SAFER Grant, which if approved would fully fund the hiring of four firefighter-paramedic positions for two years. The grant became an option for us three weeks ago when the District decided to join a regional grant effort for Incident Command Training rather than applying for a similar grant alone. The SAFER Grant would allow us to replace four of the six positions lost through attrition, and reduce overtime by 33%--a savings of \$300,000. Unfortunately, our agency only qualifies as a Tier-2 based on need and all Tier-1 agencies will be funded first. Special thanks to Todd Meyer and Kathy Fogle. Both worked hard to put together an excellent application in a short window of time. Job well done!
- I have agreed to join the Peninsula School District and other community leaders to be on the Gig Harbor Suicide Prevention Coalition which is aimed at preventing teen suicide. Our first meeting will be held on Thursday, August 16th.

Assistant Chief Nixon updated the Board on the following:

- The District has sent out a Press Release to the local newspapers regarding the volunteer program geared to attract specialty volunteers. A Volunteer Orientation will be held on Monday, September 10, 2012 at 7:00 pm at Station 50.

No Standing Committee Reports were introduced.

Old Business

Assistant Chief Watson addressed the Board regarding the Private Bridge update. A list of 34 private bridges has been identified. The biggest impact would be the Raft Island Bridge. Only three bridges were found documented in the County records. Dialogue has continued with Raft Island where an internal conflict has developed among the home owners being impacted by the cost of the bridge construction. Copies of A-2285 Emergency Access Policy - Draft were provided to the Board for their review. This policy was received from the Pierce County Fire Marshals office to help Fire Districts address the concerns with bridges and roads that do not provide safe passage for the weight of current apparatus. Chief Watson continued to elaborate on the concerns that were being expressed county wide on this issue. Some open discussion continued regarding the impact sub-standard bridges and roads have on the fire industry.

Chairman Sutich addressed the Board regarding an update on the Training Campus Conditional Use Permit and Live Burn Training requirements. On June 11, 2012 a motion passed to have Rice Fergus Miller Architects (RFM) work on the extension of the permit with Pierce County and look into the different levels of fire training venues. Chairman Sutich requested Assistant Chief Watson to ask RFM to attend the next regularly scheduled Board meeting on August 27, 2012 to report on the progress for the extension of the conditional use permit and their research on the live fire training prop versus a live fire training building.

New Business

There was no New Business to introduce.

Public Comment

Karl Kreitzer complimented the Fire Department on the quick service and great care provided to his wife during a recent incident.

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Chairman Sutich announced the signing of documents.

At this time Chairman Sutich announced an Executive Session will be called in compliance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss with legal counsel representing the

agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency. Commissioners Entze and Jarmon moved and seconded a motion to adjourn into an Executive Session at 3:30 pm for 15 minutes. Chairman Sutich reconvened the regular meeting at 3:45 pm. No announcements were made.

Special Interests/Upcoming Events

Pierce County Fire Commissioners meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on Thursday, August 23rd at FPD #25 Crystal Mountain - 32004 Crystal Mt. Blvd.

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioners Entze and Jarmon moved and seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:45 p.m. No further business was introduced and the motion carried. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held August 27, 2012 at 3:00 PM.

Attest: District Secretary

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