



THURSTON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 9

March 10, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Dale Putnam of District 9 Board of Fire Commissioners called the meeting to order at 1800 hours. Commissioners Mark Thompson, Mark Campeau, Len Albert, and Jason Foust; Chief Leonard Johnson, AC Chris Patti, EA Davie Kindell, and Board Secretary Ferol Max attended the regular meeting held via the virtual Zoom platform. Viewing of the meeting was made available to the public with the Zoom meeting link posted on the District website.

BOARD FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

The regular session was briefly recessed to accommodate the need for a Board for Volunteer Firefighters meeting. EA Kindell presented an invoice of \$140 for a volunteer physical. A motion was made and seconded to approve the invoice; the motion carried.

OATH OF OFFICE

Chief Johnson administered the Commissioner Oath of Office to Jason Foust. He will fill Position Four on the Board. Commissioner Foust was welcomed to the Board.

AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on February 10, 2022; the motion carried.
2. **Approval of Minutes - Special Meeting March 9, 2022:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of March 9, 2022; the motion carried.
3. **Approval of Vouchers and Payroll:** A motion was made and seconded to approve vouchers and payroll in the amounts listed below; the motion carried.
 - a. General Fund 6690 - \$419,292.19
 - b. Capital Fund 6691 - \$11,390.38
 - c. EMS Fund 6694 - \$1,322.94
 - d. SORT Fund 6699 - \$1,645.46

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of meeting venue: as mandates are being lifted for public meetings and masking, Board members discussed meeting in person vs. meeting via the Zoom virtual meeting platform.

The Station 95 roof repair/replacement project was placed for sealed bid on March 1. The site walk-through was today. Currently, the bid is expected to close on March 29.

Station 91 HVAC repairs were completed by Capital Heating and Cooling.

Station 91 generator fuel cell upgrade design and engineering has been completed and submitted. The permit process is being completed, and a construction schedule is being developed. It is anticipated that a tank could be shipped in May.

A quote has been submitted by NW Water Systems for the water meter installation and testing for the Black Lake Grange building.

Commissioner Putnam and Chief Johnson met with Summit Lake area residents on February 18. They felt it was a successful meeting during which they explained the status of the volunteer and resident programs, budgeting, and staffing.

Chief Johnson expressed his thanks for the evaluation of the Board. He plans to complete a salary survey next year for all positions.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Putnam informed the group that a position is open on the Washington Fire Commissioners Health Care Committee, and Commissioner Albert is running for that appointment.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

EA Kindell reminded Board members to stop by the station to sign meeting documents at their earliest convenience.

ADJOURNMENT

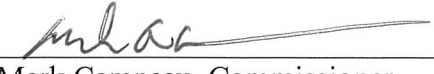
There being no further business, the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners adjourned at 1855 hours.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

For Thurston County Fire District 9:


Dale Putnam, Chairperson


Mark Thompson, Commissioner


Mark Campeau, Commissioner


Len Albert, Commissioner


Jason Foust, Commissioner


Ferol Max, Board Secretary
April 14, 2022

For the time being, the Zoom link will still be made available as an option, however beginning in April the Board meeting will be held in person at Station 91.

Consideration of Levy Lid Lift: Chief Johnson and EA Kindell presented information regarding a one-year levy lid lift. EA Kindell stated that as there was a 21% gain in assessed value in 2021. With the statutorily set 101% levy increase limitation, the levy rate will fall to approximately \$1.08 / \$1,000.00 of assessed value. A lid lift increasing the levy to \$1.50 could capture over 1.4 million dollars in additional revenue. Chief Johnson described the opportunity to educate the public and creating a stable funding source for the operational budget. After some discussion it was decided that an additional meeting will be held for a final budget review and a decision before the April Board meeting. There is a May 13th deadline to submit a Board resolution to have the measure on the Primary ballot. EA Kindell will send out a calendar survey to schedule the meeting.

STAFF REPORTS

Finance/Administration: See Chief's Report for complete information. EA Kindell informed the group that a memorial service will be held on March 19 at 2:00 pm for Sally Graham, former volunteer and fire commissioner with Black Lake Fire Department.

MBLFD is again partnering with McKenzie Road Baptist Church for the Safety Day and Egg Dash on April 16th.

EA Kindell is beginning to make preparations for the annual audit, as well as a policy review.

Operations: AC Patti reported February was a busy month, with a total of 171 calls; 58 fire-related calls and 1113 EMS calls. There were 51 BLS transports.

Significant events included a response to a SIDS death of an infant, an overdose resulting in the death of a teenager, and a structure collapse of a building under demolition resulting in a fatality.

The new utility vehicle is being readied for wildland fire season the Chief's Tahoe is getting lights installed.

Recruit academy is going well and the week five skill level is good.

Chief: Chief Johnson reported a modified duty plan will be prepared for a firefighter who will return to duty in the next week. Another firefighter remains on leave. A new career recruit is on light duty at the recruit academy but is expected to return to fully duty next week.

There are currently six volunteers in the Volunteer Academy, and six volunteers will start EMT training later this month. District 9 will continue to accept applications for the fall class.

The Mental Health & Wellness program planning is nearly complete. The events will be held in mid-May with a four-hour out of service period planned for the Fire District for all personnel. The committee will be meeting in the next two weeks to finalize the schedule.

Commissioner Thompson reported he recently attended a mental wellness online seminar hosted by Washington Department of Health. He will forward the information to this group.