

King County Fire Protection District No. 27

Minutes

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of King County Fire Protection District No. 27 was held on April 10, 2012 at Station No. 271 located at 4301 334th PL SE in Fall City, Washington.

Commissioner Hollis called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Present:

Chairperson Williams
Commissioner Hollis
Commissioner Meredith via phone
Chief Connor
Secretary Evans

In Attendance:

FF Fleming
FF White
FF Bresler
FF Schreiber

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Local Board for Volunteer Firefighters

The Board convened into a Local Board for Firefighter meeting at 7:02 p.m. to discuss and approve medical claims. The Board convened back into the regular meeting at 7:04 p.m.
FF White left the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On the Motion made by Commissioner Meredith and a second by Commissioner Hollis the Board approved the minutes of the March 13, 2012 Regular meeting.
Motion Carried.

WARRANTS:

The Board reviewed the various vouchers drawn on the expense fund.

On the Motion made by Chairperson Williams and a second by Commissioner Hollis the Board approved the following expenses and signed the authorization documents.

Voucher No. 19480 -19514 totaling \$42,704.42
Payroll and EFT transactions totaling \$91,549.08
Motion Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Secretary Evans reported in February the County had posted \$2,251 in private timber harvest tax to the District's account and in March they took \$2,015 back out. She emailed the County to confirm that it was incorrectly posted to our account in February but has yet to hear back from them.

The 2011 BARS report was presented and reviewed with the Board.

STATION USER AGREEMENTS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

King County Flood Control District sent a letter thanking the District for our cooperation with the tax levy proration issue in 2011.

Public Disclosure Commission; F-1 Statements are due April 15, 2012.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Alarms

In March, the District responded to 29 BLS Aid calls, 11 ALS Aid calls, 9 Fire calls and 4 Service calls for a total of 53. The fiscal year to date total at the end of the month was 355 alarms, compared to 293 in the 2011 fiscal year. The calendar year to date total at the end of the month was 196 alarms compared to 140 in 2011. The District requested mutual aid on 4 alarms of which we cancelled 1 times. The District provided mutual aid on 18 alarms of which we were cancelled 8 times.

The 01:30 turnout time standard was achieved on 41 of 47 calls which is 87.2%. The 90% turnout time was 01:32. Alarm Charts for the month were provided for review.

Volunteer Recruit Training

Chief Connor reported that the six newest recruits continue to train in a Thursday evening and all day Saturday format.

Volunteer Firefighters / E Shift Program

Chief Connor stated that both members that were on leave had returned to work.

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NORCOM

Chief Connor reported that the annual Principals Assembly was scheduled for April 13, 2012 at 09:00. The regular monthly Governing Board meeting will immediately follow the Principals Assembly.

Alphanumeric Paging

Chief Connor reported that the District is experiencing a high rate of failure of alphanumeric pagers which were manufactured by Scope. An alternate pager, which is made by Swissphone, has been identified and tested over the past year. An additional four pagers along with a programming cradle was recently purchased. As pagers continue to malfunction additional pagers will be needed at a per unit cost of \$200.

Firefighters Fleming, Schreiber and Bresler left the meeting to respond to an alarm at 7:19 p.m.

VHF Radio

Chief Connor reported that replacement mobile and portable VHF radios would be purchased in the next few months, which will comply with the FCC narrow-banding mandate. Once all radios are installed, reprogramming will occur to utilize the narrow banding function. Only narrow-band VHF radios can be legally operated after 12/31/2012.

Chief Connor requested an Executive Session at the end of the meeting to discuss a personnel issue.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Future Options - Revenue and Expenses

Chief Connor stated that at the last meeting he discussed the new legislation that allows for a simple majority yes vote to approve the renewal of an existing EMS levy. If an agency is initiating a new EMS levy it still requires the 60% approval and 40% validation. He reported that the KC EMS Committee has been developing a plan for their levy renewal which will be voted on in 2013 for collection beginning in 2014. They are currently anticipating a need of about .34½ cents for their levy rate in order to maintain the current level of service.

Chief Connor stated that he has been collecting some information on the fee for transport proposal; the District could generate additional revenue of \$30,000 - \$75,000.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Hollis stated that he would like to initiate a resolution eliminating outdoor yard debris burning in the downtown area of Fall City. Due to the population density and unhealthy pollutants that come from outdoor burning he believes that it is time to make some changes. Chairperson Williams agreed that there should be limitations and she would also like to see a burning moratorium put in place during the summer months due to the increased fire dangers that come with the warmer weather. Discussion ensued regarding the handful of nuisance and illegal burners that contribute to the problem.

Chief Connor stated that we will need to review the statutes and determine what the District can legally do and he suggested that the Board would want to schedule a public hearing as well. Commissioner Meredith concurred with initiating a change to the outdoor burning rules and stated that the District has a wood recycling company in town that already provides an alternative for the community to dispose of their yard debris. Chief Connor commented that it has been his experience that their fees are pretty reasonable. The Board also discussed seeking possible grant funding through the County, Puget Sound Clean Air Agency or the Firewise Program to maybe develop a program to make it financially viable for people to choose a recycling alternative to burning.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board convened into a 10 minute Executive Session with Chief Connor at 8:00 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue in accordance with RCW 42.30.110 (g). Executive Session was closed and the regular meeting was opened at 8:10 p.m.

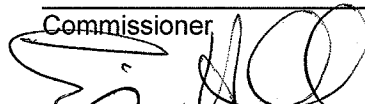
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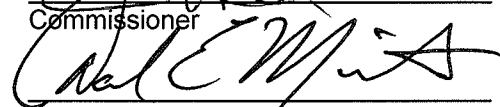
With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Williams at 8:10 p.m.

Attest:

Melinda Evans
Board Secretary



Commissioner


Commissioner


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