

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 December 11, 2012 at Station No. 271 located at 4301 334th PL SE in Fall City, Washington.

Chairperson Williams called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Present:

Chairperson Williams
Commissioner Hollis
Commissioner Meredith – by phone
Chief Connor
Secretary Evans

In Attendance:

Marc Greenough, Bond Attorney
Jim Blumenthal, Martin Nelson & Co.
Judy White
Phil Kippen

Nancy Moore
Del Moore

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On the Motion made by Chairperson Williams and a second by Commissioner Hollis the Board approved the minutes of the November 13, 2012 Regular meeting and November 29, 2012 Special meeting.
Motion Carried.

WARRANTS:

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

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

Voucher No. 19766 -19798 totaling \$49,688.76
Payroll and EFT transactions totaling \$89,540.94
Motion Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The Board reviewed the monthly budgets and financial statements.

STATION USER AGREEMENTS:

Snoqualmie Valley Soccer Assoc., Board of Directors Workshop; January 19, 2013, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Coaches Meeting; February 1, 2013, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. – Approved

CORRESPONDENCE:

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Alarms

In November, the District responded to 25 BLS Aid calls, 5 ALS Aid calls, 5 Fire calls and 4 Service calls for a total of 39. The fiscal year to date total at the end of the month was 107 alarms, compared to 109 in the 2011 fiscal year. The calendar year to date total at the end of the month was 703 alarms compared to 606 in 2011. The District requested mutual aid on 2 alarms of which we were cancelled 1 time. The District provided mutual aid on 15 alarms of which we were cancelled 9 times.

The 01:30 turnout time standard was achieved on 32 of 36 calls which is 88.9%. The 90% turnout time was 01:29. Alarm Charts for the month were provided for review.

Volunteer Recruit Training

Chief Connor reported that two of the newest recruits have completed the EMT class, one has taken and passed the National Registry EMT written test and the other recruit should be taking it soon.

Volunteer Firefighters / E Shift Program

Chief Connor stated that there have not been any significant changes in the past month.

NORCOM

Chief Connor reported that the regular monthly Governing Board meeting will be held this Friday morning.

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VHF Radio

Chief Connor stated that the project is awaiting installation of three mobile radios. The portable radios should be complete later this week. The alphanumeric paging receiver will also need to be installed, although the installation is not related to the narrow banding project.

Salish Lodge Incident

Chief Connor reported that on October 2, 2012 our water tender with two personnel was working a DNR wildfire in the Tokul Creek area. The tender was using a hydrant to re-fill at the Salish lodge, and there was activation of the alarm and sprinkler system and some broken pipes as a result of water movement. After discussion with the involved personnel it does not appear that we did anything unusual or incorrect to cause the problem. The District has been contacted by the Muckleshoot tribe who owns the Salish lodge regarding this issue.

Duthie Hill Notch

Chief Connor reported that the King County Council recently approved amendments to the King County Comprehensive Plan. There had been an amendment introduced to include 47 acres comprised of 20 parcels known as the Duthie Hill notch into the urban growth area, which would allow annexation into the City of Sammamish. The amendment did not pass.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Bond Refinance – Martin Nelson & Co.

Jim Blumenthal introduced himself to the Board and reviewed the interest rates and savings from refinancing the District's 2001 outstanding bonds. The District received an "A" rating from Standard & Poor's which is a good indicator on a successful project. The true interest cost percentage for the refunding bonds is 1.838% and over the next nine years the savings to the taxpayers will be over \$200,000.

Attorney Marc Greenough with Foster and Pepper introduced himself to the Board and provided copies of the final bond resolution for review. He stated that the current interest rate environment is very good for the District and similar to refinancing a home the District is permitted to refinance their outstanding bonds approximately once every ten years. The bond resolution presented tonight authorizes a new series of bonds to be sold and the old bonds will need to be called in and be redeemed. There is an overlap of about 30 days once you close on the new bonds, and then we notify the owners of the outstanding bonds that we are going to pay them off. Mr. Greenough further stated that the bond resolution also authorizes the execution of the purchase agreement, the trustee bank agreement, and all the other closing documents that will be executed by Chief Connor. The resolution language is pretty boiler plate with the exception of the commitment to provide annual information to your investors. The Securities and Exchange Commission has made available to the general public, a website called EMMA, where municipal bond issuers post their financial statements every year, and then anybody who's investing in your bonds or the general public can look up your annual financial information.

Discussion ensued regarding procedures that the District will need to adopt to stay in compliance with the provisions of the Bond Resolution.

Mr. Greenough stated that the resolution and purchase contract will need to be signed tonight and the final closing will occur on December 27th.

On the Motion by Chairperson Williams and a second by Commissioner Hollis the Board unanimously adopted and signed Resolution 2012-6 relating to the refinancing of the District's G.O. Bonds.
Motion Carried.

The Bond Purchase Contract was signed by Chief Connor as authorized by Resolution 2012-6.

The Board thanked Jim Blumenthal and Marc Greenough for their time.

Future Options – Revenue and Expenses

No report at this time.

Mr. Kippen asked if this was the time to give public comment. Chairperson Williams stated that we will open the floor up for comment; the usual procedure is to take public comment at the beginning of the meeting under business from the floor.

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Outdoor Burning

Phil Kippen – 33423 SE 45th Street, Fall City

Mr. Kippen stated that he would like to go on record as opposing the burn ban; from my perspective the public wasn't given notice to come in and comment prior to implementation. He stated that he has almost two acres and we have several large maple trees and at some point they will come down. The cost of disposing those trees will be significant if I can't burn. It is difficult to find someone to come in and take the wood if it is rotten on the inside and I have a lot of maintenance on my riverfront property with the blackberries, knotweed and brambles. Typically I don't burn often but if I have a hot fire going I can always dispose of the debris efficiently this way.

Mr. Kippen further stated that he has addressed his concerns in a letter to Kathy Lambert and she is forwarding it to the Fire Marshal's Office and subsequently it is being sent to DPER (Department of Permitting and Environmental Services). I understand the goal of reducing the smoke in the air during the summer time, but I hope that the Board will look at alternatives to balance this with the home owner's ability to be able to maintain their property and certainly the economics of disposal for certain property owners.

Del Moore addressed the Board and stated that he and his wife Nancy have taken over as co-editors of the Fall City Neighbor's Newsletter. He asked if there was any protocol that the Fire District had in regards to publishing District related information in the Neighbors Newsletter. A brief discussion ensued concerning the Newsletter publishing controversial issues. Chairperson Williams replied that the Board meetings are open public meetings and anything that occurs here is open to reporting. There are positive things going on at the District that maybe the community wants to know about, or if someone wants to make a statement as well. She conveyed that the District needs to utilize its website better in order to provide information to the community and she would like to see the District making a concerted effort in sending articles to the newsletter as well.

The board thanked Mr. Kippen and Mr. Moore for their comments.

2013 Draft Budget

Chief Connor stated that there were no changes to the budget with the exception of updating the tax levy amount. Chief Connor further stated that he had not heard any news from the County on proration. Commissioner Meredith stated that the budget looks good and is consistent with the last few years. The Board decided to wait until the next meeting to formally adopt the budget.

NEW BUSINESS:

OTHER:

Chairperson Williams commented on the success of the appreciation banquet. Chief Connor provided an update on his health status.

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Williams at 7:59 p.m.

Attest:

Melinda Evans
Board Secretary

Melinda Evans

Jessie Williams
Commissioner
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Commissioner

Commissioner