



THURSTON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 9

November 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; Chief Leonard Johnson, AC Chris Patti, EA Davie Kindell, and Board Secretary Ferol Max attended the regular meeting held at 125 Delphi Rd NW. Commissioner Jason Foust had notified the Board of his anticipated absence and was not in attendance. Capt. Casey Sobol and Firefighter Evan Pulse were present as interested observers.

BOARD FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

EA Kindell presented the certification of retirement eligibility for Kent Huntington, which requires the signatures of the Board Chair and secretary.

AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

FF Pulse introduced himself. He has been with MBLFD for ten months.

ACTION ITEMS

A motion was made and seconded to approve the following action items; the motion carried:

1. **Approval of Minutes:** October 13, 2022.
2. **Approval of Vouchers and Payroll:**
 - a. Fund 6690 \$532,298.46;
 - b. Fund 6691 - \$66,856.24;
 - c. Fund 6694 - \$2,667.40;
 - d. Fund 6699 - \$13,336.45;
3. **Levy Certification:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the Levy Certification with the following totals: Regular Levy \$5,215,370.56; M&O Levy \$2,761,296.06; and Non-Voted GO Bond Levy \$187,818.12. The motion carried.
4. **Resolution 22-583 – Fund Transfer Resolution:** A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution 22-583, transferring \$1,479,000 from General Fund 6690 to Debt Service Fund 6692 for the following amounts: Voted Debt Redemption \$1,300,000, and Non-Voted Debt obligation \$179,000; the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

STAFF REPORTS

Finance/Administration:

See Chief's report. EA Kindell reported she will retire from her current position with the District in March of 2023. October was a busy month, with the Open House, the Lieutenant promotional exam, and an entry level firefighter test. The fall newsletter will go to the printer on Monday. Plans are underway for the Santa Run, and the audit is scheduled to begin November 28.

Operations: AC Patti reported 197 total calls in October; 96 fire-related calls and 101 EMS calls. 1,694 calls year-to-date, which is an increase of 60 over the October 2021 ytd total. There were 46 BLS transports.

The Battalion truck is in service. Striping and decals have been completed on Ladder 91 and the aerial operations training course was very successful. Seventeen of twenty-four career staff participated. Thanks went to Capt. Sobol for setting up the course. Driver training on the ladder truck will start as soon as the task book is completed.

The Evergreen State College is working on issues with the alarm system. MBLFD crews went out to a few locations to hand out Halloween candy, which was well received by the communities. There were sixteen calls in a three-hour period during the windstorm last week.

Chief:

COVID-19 emergency declarations were lifted as of October 31, and as a result, related accommodations for employees have ended. Employees are being provided notification of the termination of exemption status.

The ambulance bid has been awarded and chassis allotments started on November 7. Notification of the verified assignments of chassis will be made by Braun NW when completed.

The stormwater and septic system at Station 95 developed a ground water saturation problem when a pump failed during recent heavy rains. The issue has been temporarily resolved and replacement of the pump is being coordinated for installation.

The roof at St. 95 has been completed, and interior work is nearing completion. There will be an extension of the contract for the project, it is expected to add 13-days at no-cost.

The St. 91 Generator Project has a change order for additional wiring and conduit. The generator and fuel cell project is scheduled for November 23 and is anticipated to last for one day.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Campeau reported WTFLS will meet in January to discuss the intent of the group going forward.

Commissioner Albert reported TCFCA will reinstate annual member dues in 2023.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

EA Kindell reported Secretary Max will retire after the December meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

In accordance with RCW 42.30.110, the regular meeting recessed to Executive Session at 1851 for the purpose of discussing an employee's position. No action was taken as a result of the discussion, and the regular meeting resumed at 1859.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners adjourned at 1859 hours.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

For Thurston County Fire District 9:



Dale Putnam, Chairperson



Mark Thompson, Commissioner



Mark Campeau, Commissioner

Len Albert, Commissioner

~~(absent)~~


Jason Foust, Commissioner



Ferol Max, Board Secretary
December 8, 2022