



THURSTON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 9

January 13, 2022

BOARD FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

The regular meeting was briefly delayed to accommodate the need for a meeting of the Board for Volunteer Firefighters. EA Kindell presented invoices for medical physicals totaling \$420.00; a motion to pay the amount was made, seconded, and unanimously approved. There was no further business, and the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners commenced.

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, and Len Albert; Chief Leonard Johnson, AC Chris Patti, EA Davie Kindell, and Board Secretary Ferol Max attended the regular meeting held via the virtual Zoom platform. Commissioner Rich Milligan was absent without explanation. Viewing of the meeting was made available to the public with the Zoom meeting link posted on the district website.

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 December 9, 2021; the motion carried.
2. **Approval of Vouchers and Payroll:** A motion was made and seconded to approve vouchers and payroll in the amounts listed below in items a through c; the motion carried.
 - a. General Fund 6690 \$457,971.58;
 - b. EMS Fund 6694 totaling \$2,180.58;

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

STAFF REPORTS

Finance/Administration: See Chief's Report for complete information. EA Kindell has been working a split schedule between home and Station 91 while she is recuperating from surgery.

The annual Spring Egg Dash and Safety Day and awards banquet are being planned after cancelling for the last two years due to COVID-19. The awards banquet is scheduled for April 30^[LJ1], 2022 and will be held at the Olympia Golf and Country Club.

EA Kindell reports the District is due for its three-year audit. With the merger of District 5 it will be more complicated including a compliance and financial audit. She expects it to occur in the fall.

Eleven homes have been inspected and thirty-two smoke detectors have been replaced as part of the Home Fire Safety program. Most of the inspections have been in the homes of senior citizens, and EA Kindell reports this has made a nice connection for both the internal and external community.

Operations: AC Patti reported December call volume was up due to weather-related events, with a total of 247 calls; 104 fire-related calls and 143 EMS calls. There were 50 BLS transports.

AC Patti reported there were no service interruptions, injuries, or damage to apparatus during the wind, snow, and flooding events.

Chief: Chief Johnson reported seven volunteers graduated from Recruit Academy, with one being recognized as outstanding recruit and has subsequently transferred to a neighboring district. Another volunteer has also resigned due to a conditional offer of employment.

MBLFD has made four conditional offers of employment for entry level firefighter positions. Three of the candidates are volunteer members of the agency. All offers were accepted, and the candidates are progressing through the pre-employment requirements and being prepared for the South Sound Recruit Academy hosted by Lacey FD3 starting in February 2022.

The Special Operations Rescue Team (SORT) was on standby for a call in the Lake Cushman area of Mason County for collapse response but was eventually stood down. Chief Johnson did learn during that time some information that may be helpful to residents of the Summit Lake area, and he will discuss that at the homeowners association meeting on February 18. Commissioner Putnam will also attend the meeting.

COVID-19 cases among personnel have spiked over the holidays and is at about a 30% positive rate. Exposures have not been from inside the work environment. Commissioner Campeau asked about quarantine guidelines, and Chief Johnson explained the District is abiding by Department of Health recommendations of ten days, with 72 hours symptom-free before return to work.

Station 91 lost heat on both sides of the building and parts are on order for the repair on the admin side. The possible cause was determined to be damage to control boards from surges.

The roof is leaking on the admin side of Station 91 and repairs have been made; replacement of the existing asphalt shingles has been recommended. Initial RFPs are being prepared to determine the magnitude of the project.

The Station 95 roof repair project is in the final review stage. It has been submitted to Thurston County Building for plans review for permit issuance.

No work has been completed on the Station 95/McLane Grange water connection due to weather.

The Station 91 generator fuel cell upgrade permit is being prepared for submission to Thurston County.

The Washington Fire Chiefs Legislative Session Update will be held virtually on January 27.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

None. Commissioner Milligan’s unexcused absence is noted.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Chief Hubbard of Aberdeen Fire Department expressed his thanks to MBLFD for their recent assistance.

EA Kindell is planning a recognition event for the Volunteer Academy graduates at the end of January or beginning of February.

The Board wished to express appreciation and congratulations to all personnel for their outstanding performance during the recent severe weather events.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The regular meeting was recessed at 1830 hours to accommodate the need for an Executive Session in compliance with RCW 42.30.110. for the purpose of reviewing the performance of a public employee. It was anticipated to last twenty minutes, with no action expected as a result of the session. At 1848, the Board recessed to announce an extension of ten minutes and immediately reconvened. At 1855, the Executive Session adjourned and the Regular Session reconvened. During this time, Commissioner Thompson monitored the Zoom "waiting room" and no individuals were noted during this time period to be seeking admission to the meeting.

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

Rich Milligan, Commissioner (absent)


Len Albert, Commissioner


Ferol Max, Board Secretary
February 10, 2022