

SOUTH WHIDBEY FIRE/EMS
REGULAR MEETING
5579 Bayview Road, Langley, Washington
June 10th, 2021 – 5:30 PM
Agenda

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Attendance via GoTo Meeting: Chairman Metz, Vice Chairman Noblet, Chief Palmer. Commissioner Mestemacher.

In Audience: Deputy Chief Terry Ney, FF/EMT Robert Husom, Gregory Husted, Richard Ullman, Abigail Payne, Sherrye Wyatt.

- I. Call to Order. Chairman Metz called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

- II. Badge Pinning Ceremony- district members were pinned by their families
 - a. Eugene Reynolds, FF 1 & 2, by Suzie Reynolds (wife)
 - b. Cooper Ullmann, FF 1 & 2, by Mike Hess
 - c. Carson Wrightson, FF 1, by James Wrightson (father)

- III. Approval of Agenda. Commissioner Noblet made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; Commissioner Mestemacher seconded.

- IV. Public Input. None

- V. Consent Agenda - All matters listed within the Consent Agenda have been distributed to each member of South Whidbey Fire/EMS's Board of Commissioners for reading and study. They are considered to be routine, and will be enacted by one motion of the Commissioners with no separate discussion. If separate discussion is desired, that item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda by request.
 - a. Approval of Minutes
 - i. Regular Meeting on May 13th, 2021
 - b. Finance Officer's Reports –
 - c. Monthly Vouchers— \$341,870.59

Commissioner Noblet made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda; Commissioner Mestemacher seconded.

- VI. Unfinished Business –
 - a. Collective Bargaining Agreement Negotiations Update – Chief Palmer explained that it is possible we will have two collective bargaining units as maintenance personnel cannot be in FF contract. Have had on meeting, approved 22 sections. The next Union Meeting will be next Tuesday, June 15th, to discuss economics.

 - b. Commissioner Elections Update. Chief Palmer stated that no one has filed for Commissioner Mestemacher's position with the Commissioner's officer. When there is no filing, The County will declare that candidacy void and have a special filing session. There are no provisions in state law for write-in candidates. If no one files, Commissioner Mestemacher keeps the position. He can resign then the other two will appoint a replacement.

- c. Full-Time Firefighter Hiring Update –One Lieutenant and three Firefighter/EMT’s on track. Timing dependent on contract as the District can’t offer the position until we know what the salary will be. Chief Palmer stated he hopes to have it done by end of the month, the goal being to bring contract to board on July 8th. The District hopes to have all positions filled and hired by August 1st. The staff is to provide an anchor to the volunteers.
- d. Preliminary Seismic Evaluation Report – 44 pages of information. Identified in 3 stations the need to do some seismic retrofit. Chief Palmer stated we won’t know the depth until the sheetrock comes off the walls. This project will need to be phased into long term plan – the District would like to complete least one station for the next few years.

VII. New Business –

- a. New members:
 1. Gregory Hustead, EMT ST36
 2. Abigail Payne, EMT ST36

Commissioner Mestemacher made a motion to accept the new members; Commissioner Noblet seconded.

- b. Training Room Acoustics Study – Chief Palmer notified the Board that the District had an acoustic engineer come out and the study has been submitted to Carletti Architects. The estimated project would take a week to do, with an estimated cost of \$18,000 to \$20,000. Suggested some audio equipment, ADA compliant.

VIII. Announcements: None

IX. Comments from Commissioners:

Board congratulates all the new members.

Rundown from Sunday’s fire: Call came in at 1245 of a structure fire with flames showing, 10 minute response to scene. House was lost by the time we arrived. Occupant was pouring gasoline on a VW, trying to get it to run. Was making a convertible VW. All were lost in the fire. 3rd degree burn on his leg.

Governor releasing new guidance on June 30th – this will determine if the July meeting will be in-person.

X. Executive Session: None

XI. Action taken as result of Executive Session: None

XII. Conclude. Chairman Metz concluded the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

Vicki Lange,
Alternate District Secretary