SKAGIT COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 17 Purpose: Monthly Public Fire Commissioners Meeting

August 9, 2022

Commissioner Wertheimer called the **Regular Fire Commissioners** meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Present: Commissioners Wertheimer, Murphy and Margeson, Chief Cole, and Treasurer Davelaar. The minutes of July 13, 2022 were unanimously approved.

Open: Dave Margeson suggested we ask Barbara Ohm at the Community Center to share the cost of hiring a surveyor to establish property lines on their property at the crossroads; we have discussed acquiring this from them in the past, but this request will help us gauge their seriousness in moving forward. If they agree, Tom Murphy suggested we proceed doing the wetland assessment once the property lines are established.

Treasurer's Report:

Skagit County Treasurer's General Ledger Detail Report— July Operating Fund Cash Balance \$71,834.06 July General Investment Fund Balance \$12,068.72 July Capital Fund Cash Balance \$136,644.83 July Capital Investment Fund Balance \$34,095.87 Total \$254,643.48	
July GIFD Expenditures—	
Expenses \$20,178.35	
Payroll \$4,110.39	
VFF Stipends \$3,840.00	
Total \$23,658.35	
July GIFD Revenue—	
Taxes Collected \$238.84	
Interest \$9.68	
WA State Trauma Grant \$1,125.00	
Donation in memory of Charles Gilkey \$40.00	
District IGT Increase \$.26 Total \$1,413.78	
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The following vouchers are approved for payment—	
Fire Payments FP 08-01 through 08-07	\$16,619.24
Electronic Payments V7011-801-V7011-804	\$388.20
V9348-801-V9348-810	\$3,098.09
V9371-801-V9371-803	\$72.82
Payroll Voucher PR 08/22	\$4,110.39
Total \$24,288.74	

The above Expenditures and Revenue Report was approved by the Commissioners at their August 9, 2022 public meeting.

Chief's Report: See <u>attached report</u> for a list of drills and responses.

• Super busy month with a variety of complicated calls; very proud of all the volunteers, the new recruits are eager, stepping up and doing a great job. The commissioners commended the chief's leadership in providing the training and support for the new volunteers; they are a very positive addition to an already excellent department.

Unfinished Business:

- Letter to Skagit County Sheriff regarding safety of the volunteers of the Guemes Island Fire Department. It was decided that no letter will be prepared; Chief Cole has been in close contact with the sheriff regarding recurring incidents on the island and has kept a detailed log of each incident in a file. Commissioner Wertheimer reiterated that we are not law enforcement and we need to keep clear boundaries between the department's role on the island and what the sheriff's job entails, while still maintaining a working relationship with the sheriff's department.
- Letter to Skagit County Public Works regarding campfire bans on Skagit County Beaches. Ask the county to provide several signs saying "No Beach Fires," which we can place at all public access points on our beaches. The commissioner's will research the ordinance in Skagit County that prohibits beach fires to verify that it exists.

New Business:

• None

Next Resolution will be 456.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm. The next regular meeting will be Monday, September 12, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Submitted by Linda Davelaar, Treasurer

Skagit County Fire District 17, Chairman