

SKAGIT COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 17
Regular Commissioners Meeting
(minutes pending approval)

August 9, 2020

Commissioner Margeson called the **Regular Fire Commissioners** meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Present: Commissioners Margeson, Murphy, Wertheimer, Chief Snell, and Treasurer Davelaar.

The minutes of July 12, 2021 were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Beginning July Operating Fund cash balance was \$63,886.24; beginning July General Investment Fund Balance was \$12,038.48; beginning July Capital Fund cash balance was \$162,844.83; beginning July Capital Investment Fund balance was \$34,010.39; grand total is \$272,778.79.

July expenses were \$13,832.99. July payroll was \$2,749.11. VFF stipends were \$1,165.00. Grand total of \$17,747.10 for July expenditures. July's expenses include \$11,347.00 to Enduris for annual liability, property and vehicle damage insurance.

July revenue included \$374.13 in taxes collected, \$400.00 in donation (with a note saying "thank you for your kind assistance"), \$1,260.00 in Prehospital Trauma Grant from the State of Washington, and \$.71 in interest. Total July revenue was \$2,034.54.

District 17 Commissioners reviewed and approved the Treasurer's Report, Invoices, and firefighter stipends at their August 9, 2021 public meeting. Commissioner Murphy made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, and Commissioner Wertheimer seconded; motion was approved unanimously.

Open: None

Chief's Report: See [attached report](#) for a list of drills and responses.

Unfinished Business:

- **Speed bump letter:** Commissioner Wertheimer's draft letter was revised; the letter will be redrafted and put on the bulletin board for signatures by commissioners and sent this week.
- **Fireworks signs:** no discussion
- **Automatic gurney lift:** has arrived and will be installed next week.
- **Review strategic plan:** Commissioner Wertheimer has had conversations with several islanders; the wisdom and knowledge that exists in the fire department is getting older and there needs to be a plan to pass this wisdom on to the younger generation of firefighters. He will add this to the strategic plan. Commissioner Murphy suggested that Tom Fouts, Larry Pyke and Gerry Francis might be approached to teach a class once per month to pass on what they know about the older equipment. Senior Advisors was suggested as their title. The classes should take place on days other than drill days and training days. This will be coordinated with Chief Snell.

- **Store reader board:** Commissioner Wertheimer and Chief Snell met with Skagit County Public Works Manager, Rachel; an agreement was reached whereby the electronic reader board installed at the ferry dock on the Anacortes side will be shared with GIFD. They are willing to put up any and all messages that the fire department wants to display, i.e., burn bans, fire drills, and our various activities.
- **Disposal of marine unit:** Fire Chief Bill Harris of Anacortes is interested in purchasing our boat.

New Business:

- Skagit County Public Works Manager has indicated they would like to have a new training session with GIFD and the ferry crew to bring everyone up to date on aid calls/other responses to facilitate patient care and improve coordination between fire departments, sheriffs and the ferry system.
- Washington State Auditor has announced the GIFD audit for 2020 is taking place and will cost \$1,600.

The **next regular meeting** will be September 13, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Submitted by Eric Kankaala, Secretary

Skagit County Fire District 17
Chairman