

SKAGIT COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 17

Purpose: Monthly Public Fire Commissioners Meeting

Location: Quemes Fire Station

April 15, 2024

Commissioner Wertheimer called the **Regular Fire Commissioners** meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Present: Commissioners Wertheimer, Murphy, and Francis; Chief Cole and Secretary Davelaar, Karen Anderson, Juby and Tom Fouts

The minutes of March 11, 2024 were unanimously approved.

Open: None

Treasurer's Report:

Skagit County Treasurer's General Ledger Detail Report

March Operating Fund cash balance	\$	50,761.16
March General Investment Fund balance	\$	12,955.42
March Capital Fund cash balance	\$	96,005.22
March Capital Investment Fund balance	\$	36,600.90
Total		\$196,322.70

March GIFD expenditures:	Expenses	\$5,201.72
	Payroll	\$4,513.42
	VFF Stipends	\$5,530.00
Expense Grand Total		\$15,245.14

March GIFD Revenue	Taxes collected	\$11,528.87
	Interest	\$ 58.53
March GIFD Total Revenue		\$11,587.40

The following vouchers are approved for payment:

Fire Payments:	FP 4-01 through 4-06	\$5,201.72
Electronic Payments:	V9360-0401 through V9360-0404:	\$ 640.98
	V0591-0401 through V0591-0413:	\$2,814.97
	V5095-0401 through V5095-0403:	\$ 77.18
Payroll Voucher:	PR 042024	\$4,513.42
1 st QTR 2024 VFF Stipend:		\$10,145.00
March Grand Total Payments		\$25,390.14

The motion was made by commissioner Murphy to approve the above Expenditures and Revenue Report; motion seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Chief's Report: See report for a list of drills and responses. New recruit is under consideration, Cole Snell will be returning to the department.

Unfinished Business:

- Land Donation—Karen will determine from the owner if the parcels are linked. Anya Mayo is following up with the potential buyers soon.
- Water Softener System—water has passed all three tests to date. Tom Fouts presented the information he has for a new water softener system for \$12,850.80, which will also include a reverse osmosis system \$852. Commissioner Murphy suggested that we consult our attorney about whether or not we need to get three competitive bids for the new water softener system (we only have two at this time). Commissioner Wertheimer will be contacting Brian Snure's office.

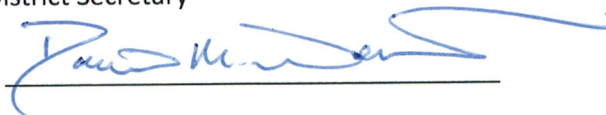
New Business:

- Juby Fouts shared a grant program opportunity: Skagit County commissioners has asked if we want to participate in a \$3 million grant program with a deadline to apply by May 20, 2024. The grant provides money for construction of "care/medical" facilities/clinics, funding for ongoing projects that will provide staffing and jobs paying a living wage to caregivers, doctors supervising nurse practitioners, etc. The church has a separate program offering overnight accommodations for caregivers who need to overnight on the island. Juby is concerned about the elderly on Guemes who want to remain in their homes and need caregivers, suggesting the fire department would be an ideal location for a clinic setting. Commissioner Wertheimer said this kind of grant would be better served through one of the nonprofits on the island and not a government entity. We would be supportive of this kind of program, but it is not our mission.
- Chief Cole presented a recruit for the commissioners' consideration; Cole Snell has returned to the island and will is ready to serve as a volunteer fire fighter.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm. The next regular meeting will be Monday, May 13, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

Next Resolution will be 471.

Submitted by Linda Davelaar, District Secretary



Skagit County Fire District 17, Chairman