

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

June 14, 2021

Commissioner Margeson called the **Regular Fire Commissioners** meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Present: Commissioners Margeson, Wertheimer, and Murphy, Chief Snell, Assistant Chief Enos, Treasurer Davelaar, Secretary Kankaala

The **minutes of May 10, 2020** were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Beginning May Operating Fund cash balance was \$79,048.35. Beginning May General Investment Fund balance was \$12,037.03. Beginning May Capital Fund cash balance was \$162,844.83. The beginning May Capital Investment Fund balance was \$34,006.29. Grand total is \$287,936.29.

May expenses were \$2,026.82. Payroll for May was \$2,871.96, and VFF stipends were \$1,415.00. The grand total of expenditures in May was \$4,898.78.

May revenue included \$15,730.26 in taxes collected, \$50.00 in donations, and \$0.96 in interest. Total May revenue was \$15,801.30.

District 17 Commissioners reviewed and approved the Treasurer's Report, invoices, and firefighter stipends at their June 14, 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.

- Tom Fouts has stated interest in rejoining District 17 as a Safety Officer and the District 17 fire commissioners welcome him back.
- **The District 17 Fire Commissioners made a motion to extend the burn ban from the ferry outage. Commissioner Wertheimer made the motion, and Chairman Margeson seconded. The motion passed unanimously. This will be Resolution 438.**

Unfinished Business:

- The fireworks sign has been placed on the Ferry superstructure on the Anacortes side. Smaller signs will be placed around the island.
- The District 17 Fire Commissioners asked for clarification regarding the protocols of a registered nurse using their skills if they join the fire department. The Skagit County EMS office stated the following: "Registered Nurse is a license and not recognized as a

prehospital EMS certification. In fact even Critical Care Transport RNs must complete an RN to EMT bridge course in order to attend patients during ambulance transport.”

- GIFD has received no response from the Skagit County commissioners regarding the letter about the road repair of Edens Road.
- **Commissioner Murphy made a motion to purchase, and have installed, an automatic gurney lift in 1719 to the amount of \$30,000. Commissioner Wertheimer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. This will be Resolution 439.**
- The Strategic Plan Review- [please see attached report.](#)

New Business:

- **Commissioner Murphy made a motion to surplus the marine unit equipment, including the boat and to discontinue marine rescue operations. Since the summer of 2014 there have been 18 incidents when 1717 (Marine Rescue Boat) was called into services, at least 10 where “cancelled en route”, meaning that over 55% of the time this boat has been dispatched, the services are not required, or it has taken too long for the service from Guemes Island to be useful. In the other remaining incidents where the boat may have been launched, there has only been two times where the Guemes Island Department personnel were responsible for the rescue / transport of non-critical patients. Commissioner Wertheimer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. This will be Resolution 440.**

The next resolution will be 441.

The **next regular meeting** will be July 12, 2021 at **7:00 PM**.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Submitted by Eric Kankaala, Secretary

Skagit County Fire District 17
Chairman