

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

**January 15, 2024**

Commissioner Wertheimer called the **Regular Fire Commissioners** meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

**Present:** Commissioners Wertheimer, Murphy via Zoom; Chief Cole and Secretary/Treasurer Davelaar; Guests Karen Anderson, Gabe Murphy

The minutes of December 11, 2023 were unanimously approved.

**Open:** Ticket booth update from Gabe Murphy. A presentation from the county was shared with Chief Cole. Chief Cole has sent presentation to Chiefs Harris and Noyes for their input, and will meet with them on the 29<sup>th</sup> to discuss the ticket booth, as well as our planned levy. Gabe shared that Public Works has been invited to the upcoming annual ferry committee meeting to present the plans to the community, no word as yet whether they will accept the invitation.

**Treasurer's Report:**

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| December Operating Fund cash balance     | \$ 97,720.06        |
| December General Investment Fund balance | \$ 12,778.17        |
| December Capital Fund cash balance       | \$ 96,505.94        |
| December Capital Investment Fund balance | \$ 36,100.18        |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>\$243,104.35</b> |

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| <b>Final December GIFD expenditures:</b> | Expenses                                 | \$ 2,156.82 |
|  | Payroll                                  | \$ 4,524.13 |
|  | 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2023 VFF Payroll | \$ 7,685.00 |

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| <b>2024 Budget</b> | Expenses     | \$ 4,369.54 |
|                    | VFF Stipends | \$ 1,940.00 |

**Final December & 2024 Budget Expense Grand Total** **\$ 20,675.49**

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| <b>December GIFD Revenue</b>       | Taxes collected | \$ -40.31       |
|                                    | Interest        | \$ 49.69        |
|                                    | Cash Receipt    | \$ 813.05       |
| <b>December GIFD Total Revenue</b> |                 | <b>\$822.43</b> |

The following vouchers are approved for payment:

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| Fire Payments:       | FP 1-001 through 1-007         | \$ 4,369.54 |
| Electronic Payments: | V7011-1201 through V7011-1206: | \$ 508.02   |
|                      | V0591-1201 through V0591-1215: | \$ 1,462.47 |
|                      | V5095-1201                     | \$ 186.33   |
| Payroll Voucher:     | PR 1223-2                      | \$ 4,524.13 |
| VFF Payroll:         | 4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr 2023       | \$ 7,685.00 |

**December Grand Total Payments****\$18,735.49**

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

**Chief's Report:** See attached report for a list of drills and responses.

Motion was made to thank the department for working tirelessly during the recent ferry shut down, storms, and power outages; removing downed trees on the roads and putting up barriers for downed powerlines, etc., keeping our community safe. Rising to these challenges, showing superb leadership and a cohesive group of hardworking volunteers; members of the community have taken notice and commented favorably about our fire department to the commissioners. Motion carried unanimously.

**Unfinished Business:**

- Land Donation—Anya Mayo reported an offer has been made of \$6,000 on one parcel, no action on the second parcel. We need to plan on transferring ownership of the parcel to the fire department and then proceed with the donation. Karen will determine from the owner if the parcels are linked.
- Water Softener System—Second water test failed. Tom, Greg and Brennan are working on a plan for the water cleanup.

**New Business:**

- Fire Levy Lid Lift. Communication has been initiated with Brian Snure; he will charge a flat fee \$640 for two hours for vetting the language that will appear on the ballot, and follow up with the county. When do we want to get this on the ballot, the primary or the general election? The general generates more turnout, thus it was decided to get this on the ballot for the general election.
- Fire hall grant possibility. Some emails have gone around the island about starting some kind of clinic and putting it at the fire station; this has been rejected since we are out of space at our current location. The church's old pastor's cottage was also suggested.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm. The next regular meeting will be Monday, February 12, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

**Next Resolution will be 469.**

Submitted by Linda Davelaar, District Secretary

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Skagit County Fire District 17, Chairman