**SKAGIT COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 17**

**Purpose: Monthly Public Fire Commissioners Meeting**

**June 12, 2023**

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

**Present:** Commissioners Wertheimer, Margeson, and Murphy, Chief Cole, Treasurer Davelaar, Secretary Kankaala, Gabe Murphy, Birch Beaudet, Matt Enos, Gail Nicolls, Jim Ciecko, Joanne Myers-Ciecko, Mary Hale, Zack Hale, Gabe Murphy, Karen Anderson, Tom Fouts

The minutes of May 15, 2023 were unanimously approved.

**Open:** A property owner on Guemes Island has offered the fire department a parcels of land. Commissioner Wertheimer will contact Skagit County and District 17’s legal counsel to inquire about the legality of accepting the parcels of land.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Skagit County Treasurer’s General Ledger Detail Report

May Operating Fund cash balance $134,257.79

May General Investment Fund balance $ 12,415.61

May Capital Fund cash balance $ 96,644.83

May Capital Investment Fund balance $ 35,075.89

Total $278,394.12

May GIFD expenditures: Expenses $ 8,208.02

Payroll $ 4,123.31

VFF Stipends $ 2,125.00

May Expenditures Grand Total $14,456.33

May GIFD Revenue Taxes collected $24,362.34

Interest $ 48.23

WA Dept of Health Trauma Grant $ 554.00

Timber Excise $ 25.13

May GIFD Total Revenue $ 24,989.70

The following vouchers are approved for payment:

Fire Payments: FP 06-001 through 06-007: $ 8,208.02

Electronic Payments V7011-0601 through V7011-0604: $ 860.49

V0591-0601 through V0591-0611: $ 1,756.01

Payroll Voucher: PR 06-23 $ 4,123.31

May Grand Total Payments $12,331.33

Above Expenditures and Revenue Report was approved by the Commissioners at their June 12, 2023 public

meeting.

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

* District 17 would like to congratulate Megan McClellan and Greg Vammen for graduating from Wildland School.
* Structure fire on West Shore Drive
  + The Skagit County fire marshal has declared the fire to be accidental.
  + The owner of the structure did not call 911.
  + Neighbors of the burnt structure are concerned about toxic chemicals leaching into their water source. Chief Cole has directed the concerned persons to contact the Department of Ecology.
  + A demolition permit from Skagit County is required to remove the debris from the property.
  + The neighbors inquired about a required timeframe to remove the debris from the property.
  + The neighbors inquired about reoccupation of the property while the debris is still on the property.
  + Homeowners are required to install smoke detection devices. Please see attached
* The District 17 Fire Commissioners made a motion to officially congratulate the work and dedication of Chief Cole and the firefighters of the Guemes Island Fire Department that goes into keeping the community safe.

**Unfinished Business:**

* District 17 is still searching for an ATV.
* The District 17 fire commissioners have sent a letter to encourage the Skagit County Commissioners to resolve the ongoing negotiations with the Guemes Island ferry workers . The District 17 fire commissioners have not received a response from the Skagit County Commissioners.

**New Business:**

* A water softener system is being researched for the Guemes Island Fire Department, due to the high mineral contents of the water.

**Next Resolution will be 464.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm**.**

**The next Commissioners meeting will be July 10, 2023.**

Submitted by Eric Kankaala, Secretary

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Skagit County Fire District 17, Chairman