

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

**August 12, 2024**

Commissioner Wertheimer called the **Regular Fire Commissioners** meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

**Present:** Commissioners Wertheimer, Murphy, and Francis; Chief Cole and Secretary Davelaar; Gabe Murphy

The minutes of July 15, 2024 were unanimously approved.

**Open:** None

**Treasurer's Report:**

**Skagit County Treasurer's General Ledger Detail Report**

July Operating Fund cash balance	\$ 77,207.93
July General Investment Fund balance	\$ 13,181.01
July Capital Fund cash balance	\$ 95,367.90
July Capital Investment Fund balance	\$ 37,238.22
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$222,995.06</b>

<b>July GIFD expenditures:</b>	Expenses	\$24,850.27
	Payroll	\$ 4,557.73
	VFF Stipends	\$ 2,015.00
	<b>Expense Grand Total</b>	<b>\$31,423.00</b>

<b>July GIFD Revenue</b>	Taxes collected	\$980.87
	Interest	\$160.65
	Donations	\$507.00
	Refund-Witmer Public Safety Group	\$213.39
	<b>July GIFD Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,861.91</b>

The following vouchers are approved for payment:

Fire Payments:	FP 08-001 through 08-0003	\$23,663.66
Electronic Payments:	V9360-0801 through V9360-0805:	\$ 340.48
	V0591-0801 through V0591-0818:	\$ 742.49
	V5095-0801 through V5095-0803:	\$ 103.64
Payroll Voucher:	PR 82024	\$ 4,557.73

**August Grand Total Payments** **\$29,408.00**

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

The commissioners thanked Chief Cole for the amazing response of the volunteer fire fighters to the multiple serious emergency medical calls of late. The Guemes community is always grateful for their preparedness and professionalism.

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

Gabe Murphy, Ferry Committee, reported on new ferry fares have been released recently; emergency services are rated at \$1500 per ferry trip; Chief Cole is consulting with the county EMS to determine how this is going to work in the future. Hazmat runs will cost \$750 per hour x 3 hours or \$2500 per week. There is a public meeting planned to discuss the new fares.

**Unfinished Business:**

- Land Donation—Anya Mayo is following up with the potential buyers on one of the lots, but no updates yet
- Water Softener System—invoice is prepared for commissioners' signatures and the company will be getting started soon
- Change of Fiscal Year: Change fiscal year - Research shows no previous resolutions on this subject; according to WA State and Skagit County Auditors, Skagit Fire 17's fiscal year is set at January 1 to December 31 annually. Conclusion: this was an "in-house" bookkeeping decision only and no resolution is necessary.
- Levy lid lift—Election language has been approved by Skagit County; the pro explanatory statement needs to be submitted by August 16; there have been no con statement takers.

**New Business:**

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm. The next regular meeting will be Monday, September 9, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

**Next Resolution will be 471.**

Submitted by Linda Davelaar, District Secretary

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Skagit County Fire District 17, Chairman