

SKAGIT COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 17
Purpose: Regular Monthly Public Fire Commissioners Meeting
Location: Guemes Island Fire Station
Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2025

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

Present: Commissioners Meekins and Haggerty; Fire Chief Cole and Secretary Davelaar. **Absent:** Commissioner Wertheimer.

Meeting recessed for executive session; meeting reconvened at 7:07 pm.

The motion was made by Commissioner Haggerty to approve the minutes of October 13, 2025; **motion seconded; motion carried.**

Open: None

Treasurer's Report:

Skagit County Treasurer's General Ledger Detail Report

October Operating Fund cash balance		\$125,147.90	
October General Investment Fund balance		\$ 17,205.60	
October Capital Fund cash balance		\$ 56,794.81	
October Capital Investment Fund balance		\$ 36,100.30	
	Total		\$235,248.61

October GIFD Expenditure	Expenses	\$58,301.45	
	Payroll	\$ 5,813.34	
	Expenses Grand Total		\$64,114.79

October GIFD Revenue:	Taxes collected	\$63,844.61	
	Interest	\$ 144.91	
	October GIFD Total Revenue		\$63,699.70

The following vouchers are approved for payment:

Fire Payments:	FP 10-001 to 10-006	\$55,984.61	
Electronic Payments:	V9360-1001 to V9360-1005	\$ 417.98	
	V0591-1001 to V0591-1012	\$ 1,255.30	
	V5095-1001 to V5095-1009	\$ 643.56	
Payroll Voucher:	PR 102025	\$ 5,813.34	
	October Grand Total Expenses		\$64,114.79

October Fire Call/Meeting Stipends \$2,770.00 (banked monthly)

The motion was made by Commissioner Meekins to approve the above Expenditures and Revenue Report; **motion seconded; motion carried.**

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

Unfinished Business:

- None

New Business:

- Discussion and approval: Budget Levy 2026--\$317,900, including Resolution 485 Tax Levy Resolution.
- Resolution 486 has been prepared authorizing Skagit County Auditor to be the 2026 auditor for Fire 17 at a cost of \$4,967.80.
- Commissioner Haggerty's suggested 2026 initiatives; Fire Chief Cole will create a list that will consider the following and more:
 1. A plan to address electrical fires--car, roof solar panels, etc.; what costs should we be planning for?
 2. Community needs, etc.:
 - a. Acquiring a utility vehicle to be able to access long, dark driveways, as well as rugged terrain involving fires or rescues.
 - b. "Tea with an EMT" discussed as welfare checks on the elderly and lonely.
 - c. Phone tree committee to keep in touch with those who live alone; GET has created a phone tree already, designated by neighborhood.
 3. A map of island house access challenges. It would be good to know what can't be accessed but should be, and can those issues be mitigated?
 4. What are the capital needs for the next five years?
 5. Potential funding grants.

Review and approval of invoices.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm. The next regular meeting will be held at the Guemes Island fire station on **Tuesday, December 9, 2025**

Dates to remember: Holiday Gathering--December 6, 2025, 5 pm
Next Meeting date--**Tuesday, December 9, 2025**

Next Resolution will be 487.

Submitted by Linda Davelaar, District Secretary

Skagit County Fire District 17, Chairman

