



**SNOHOMISH COUNTY
CONSOLIDATED FIRE
DISTRICTS 26 & 28**

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Business Meeting Minutes, August 9, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 19:13, at the Index Resident House. Present were Commissioner Chair Bill Tubbs, Vice Commissioner Chair Pat Sample, and Commissioners Kate Hayes, Michelle Adie, Mike Moore, Molly Olson, Leigh Christianson and Dean Johnson. Commissioners Doug Rupp and Tim Folsom's absences were excused. Also present were Chief Eric Andrews, Assistant Chief Ernie Walters, and Secretaries Linda Larsen and Karen McPeters (Recorder). District residents Lora Cox, and Marney Larsen were also present.

Public Commentary:

Ms. Cox thanked the District for responding to her concerns from the July meeting. She expressed concern about liability in the event that fire spreads from one property to adjacent properties, and wanted to know if rules could be revised to state who would be liable in that situation.

Chief's Report

Community Events: The District has participated in a number of community events, including the Index Arts Festival, Gold Bar Gold Dust Days, and the National Night Out.

Open Commissioner Position: As there were no filers for the commissioner position that will be vacated by the retirement of Mike Moore, a second filing period was opened, and one candidate, Tom McMasters-Stone, has filed to run.

Operations

New Engine Update: The Wet Down/ Push In ceremony took place on Saturday, July 15, including a blessing of the truck and some refreshments.

Resident and Volunteer Programs: 7 new residents and 5 in district volunteers have started the pre-academy to prepare them for the Fire Academy, which will start on September 6. Thanks to Lieutenant Lauer for spearheading the pre-academy.

7-8 more volunteers will be interviewed on August 20, to alleviate our staffing shortage.

Station 53 Update: Assistant Chief Walters met with the mayor and the town clerk regarding vacating the old precinct building. The town is requesting that the fire district provide an insulated and wired 14x28 lofted barn style building, installed in the parking lot behind the Town

Hall. The Assist. Chief has researched the available buildings and estimates that the final cost of the building, electrical wiring, insulation, and repairs to asphalt after installation of the building would be in excess of \$12,000.

After lengthy discussion, the commissioners felt that this exceeded the value of the town's current storage at the precinct building, and was an unaffordable, unbudgeted expense.

Bill moved to offer the town a flat dollar amount of \$9500, with the legal costs of changing our agreement allowing the use of the precinct building to be assumed by the fire district. With a second from Michelle, the motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Vouchers: Bill moved to approve District 26/28 vouchers 391-17 through 448-17 for a total of \$84,778.13. With a second from Kate, the motion passed unanimously.

Payroll: Bill moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$75,910.63 and with a second from Pat, the motion passed unanimously.

Minutes: Molly moved to approve the minutes from the July 12 Consolidated District 26/28 meeting, and with a second from Michelle, the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

Merger Timeline: The timeline has been updated to schedule all actions for regular meeting dates, to facilitate public input and eliminate any need for special meetings.

Policies 10-12: Policies 10, 11 and 12 were presented for commissioner review and approval at the September meeting.

Review of FD 28 SEPA Checklist, and Public Comments: As the lead agency, the commissioners of Fire District 26 reviewed the SEPA Checklist for the merger of Fire District 28 into Fire District 26, submitted by Fire District 28. The commissioners opened the floor to public comment on the Checklist, as posted on meeting notices 14 days prior to the meeting, and as posted in the public notices section of the Monroe Monitor. There was no public comment.

Action Items

FD 26 Resolution 03-2017: Adopting SEPA Policies and Procedures: Bill moved to approve Resolution 03-2017, and with a second from Michelle, the motion passed unanimously.

FD 26 Resolution 04-2017: Authorizing Chief to File Notice of Intention With BRB: Bill moved to approve Resolution 04-2017, and with a second from Michelle, the motion passed unanimously.

FD 28 Resolution 2017-02: Authorizing Chief to File Notice of Intention With BRB: Pat moved to approve Resolution 2017-02, and with a second from Dean, the motion passed unanimously.

Determination of Non Significance: After reviewing the SEPA Checklist and opening the meeting to public comment, Bill moved to make a Determination of Non Significance. With a second from Kate, the motion passed unanimously. The 14-day comment period for the DNS will end on August 24, and comments will be accepted by mail, email, or in person at Station 53.

New Business

WFCA Conference: There will be a conference in late October in Spokane.

The next meeting of the combined District 26/28 will be on September 13 at 19:00 at Station 53.

Meeting adjourned at 20:21.