



Business Meeting Minutes, October 9, 2019

BVFF Committee: Bill, Kate, Chief Andrews and Karen (recorder) were present. Carsen Smith was not in attendance.

There were no BVFF charges to approve.

The business meeting was called to order at 19:09. Present were Commissioner Chair Bill Tubbs, Vice Commissioner Pat Sample, and Commissioners Kate Hayes, Michelle Adie, Molly Olson, Doug Rupp and Leigh Christianson. Also present were Chief Eric Andrews, Assistant Chief Ernie Walters, Support Services Chief Jarrod Spence, Captain Brandon Vargas, and Secretary Karen McPeters (recorder)

Public Commentary: No public commentary.

Reports:

EXECUTIVE

A 15-minute executive session to discuss employee contracts will follow the regular business meeting.

The chief met with Representative Eslick and shared concerns about several issues, including inclusion of volunteer firefighters into the presumptive disease legislation that now protects only career fulltime firefighters, ways the state of Washington can support and encourage volunteer firefighters including education and retirement incentives, and M&O levy wording that does not allow replacement of M&O Levies until current levies expire.

The formal adoption of the DBA Sky Valley Fire name will be finished with a resolution at the November meeting.

The 2020 budget will be formally adopted at the November meeting.

OPERATIONS

The Town of Gold Bar has the paperwork to release all interest in the Auxiliary building, and will remove all their stored items by Oct 31.

Rebranding is continuing, with new vehicle decals as can be afforded, new patches and t-shirts. The district has been awarded a \$250,000 grant from FEMA to replace our SCBAs.

EMS

The Vail contract may not be renewed this year, as they may open their own fully staffed clinic.

The EMT class is accepting applications.

The responsibilities of the MSO position will be divided between supply coordination and training.

SUPPORT

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The phone system is still in progress, with some quotes still coming in.

The training prop is continuing to be developed, with realistic room, basement and contents fire capability.

The Engine Ops class was a big success again.

The Fire Academy is going well. Several minor health issues and accidents have been reported, and discussion is ongoing regarding how to better prepare recruits for the fitness and endurance rigors of the academy. Training plans to send out nutritional and exercise guidelines for recruits to follow in the weeks prior to the start of the academy in the future.

Secretary's Report

The Systems Design and run reports are available for review. The secretary attended the levies workshop put on by the county, and the SAO roundtable, and shared some changes to property tax exemptions.

Budget

Expenditures are at 85%

Year end goals are \$100,000 to be transferred to Reserves, \$270,000 to the Apparatus fund, and \$400,000 carryover in the Expense fund.

The preliminary 2020 budget was reviewed.

Minutes: Molly moved to approve the September minutes. With a second from Kate, the motion passed unanimously.

Vouchers: Bill moved to approve vouchers 435 through 482-19 for \$110,655.40, and voucher 483-19 for \$15,000 from the Construction fund. With a second from Michelle, the motion passed unanimously.

Payroll: Bill moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$80,941.56. With a second from Pat, the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

Commissioner Rupp shared the possible alternative to T-Mobile cell phone service, which would involve towers at Station 54 and 55 to provide internet calling up the Index-Galena Rd.

Four commissioners plan to attend the WFCA conference in Marysville. Scholarships were obtained for three through the Sno-Isle FCA, and one from WFCA.

The November business meeting will be preceded by a biannual meeting with King Co Fire District 50, and will be the 2020 budget approval meeting.

Business meeting adjournment 8:30

Executive Session 8:30-8:43.

Following the executive session, Bill moved to authorize signing employee contracts as discussed. With a second from Michelle, the motion passed unanimously.

Molly moved to authorize the Commissioner Chair to sign the chief's contract on behalf of the board. With a second from Michelle the motion passed unanimously.

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Adjournment 8:49

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