



**SNOHOMISH COUNTY
FIRE DISTRICT 26**

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Business Meeting Minutes, January 9, 2019

BVFF Committee: Bill, Kate, Chief Andrews and Karen McPeters (recorder) were present. Carsen Smith was not in attendance. There were no BVFF charges to approve.

The meeting was called to order at 19:02. Present were Commissioner Chair Bill Tubbs, Vice Commissioner Chair Pat Sample, and Commissioners Kate Hayes, Michelle Adie, Doug Rupp, Tim Folsom, Dean Johnson, and Leigh Christianson. Also present were Chief Eric Andrews, Assistant Chief Ernie Walters and Secretary Karen McPeters (recorder). The absence of Molly Olson was excused.

Public Commentary: There was no public commentary.

EXECUTIVE

Emergency Communications Tax: The county communications tax passed with 54% majority vote; our fire district was one of six that had a favorable vote. SERS is now officially part of Snohomish County 911 no longer being its own organization. It is expected that radio replacement will begin later this year most likely 4th quarter.

ALS Service: There is a meeting planned for January 22nd where the ALS providers will discuss a common cost formula for those agencies receiving ALS services. This continues to be a contentious subject among the various agencies involved, not only District 5.

2018 Budget Final: The county treasurer's office has not provided the end of the year report for December. We need this report to figure the actual final revenue for the district. Karen did pay off the Fire District 28 loan using the funds in the FD 28 bond fund and using \$43,047.30 from the expense fund. Once we get the final year report from the treasurer we will make the transfer of the bond payoff amount and the amount needed to balance expenses with revenue. Just a reminder is that we purchased the tender with the understanding we would use \$100,000 from the reserve fund and finance the remainder of \$130,000. We were able to purchase this without financing any funds and will use considerably less than the \$100,000 to balance the revenue with expenditures.

OPERATIONS

Station 53 update: There is no new news on the Station 53 project.

Station 55 addition build out: The Structural Engineer is close to completing the drawings and as soon as they are done, I will submit for the permit. There was a delay for the draws due to the engineer not receiving my email that authorized them to start work on the drawings.

New Radio System: We inventoried our mobile and portable radios in the anticipation of the new radio system that will be coming this year.

SUPPORT SERVICES / TRAINING

Staff Retreat: Retreat is all set up for January 26th.

EMS

Medic 55: First staffing of M55 was this past weekend.

Stevens Pass: The plans for a medical clinic at the ski resort have failed. The resort is in a bind and has asked us what we can do to help out. In the past they often had physicians in the aid room with other staff. So far this year they have had only ski Patrol EMTs in the aid room. The EMS division has met with the representatives of Vale and worked out a contract that provides a paramedic in the aid room on expected peak days. This would provide for covering the cost of the medic on a part time employment contract and expected cost of equipment and supplies and administration.

2019 Budget

The FD 28 bond payoff needs to be transferred from reserves to the expense account. Also our expense carryover is about \$25,000 less than our anticipated carryover, but the tender was purchased without tapping reserves or financing a portion of the cost, both of which were approved but not needed at the time.

Bill moved to transfer \$160,000 from reserves to the expense account to cover the cost of the bond payoff, restoring the full carryover amount, plus cover the purchase of the Larsen property. With a second from Tim, the motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Minutes: Leigh moved to approve the December minutes with a minor edit. With a second from Dean, the motion passed unanimously.

Vouchers: Pat moved to approve vouchers 001- through 031-19 for \$59,064.52 and 032- through 053-19 for \$34,897.66. With a second from Bill, the motion passed unanimously.

Payroll: Pat moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$94,899.78. With a second from Bill, the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

Cell coverage: The Galena Road feasibility study is estimated to cost \$26,500. There is a possibility of a small percentage being paid by some other agency.

The district could go to legislature and ask them to fund feasibility study. In 2020 the washout will be repaired and there will be a significant increase in traffic.

Fire Service Legislative Day is coming up- Leigh moved to send Doug to represent the district at the legislative day to attempt to get funding for the feasibility study. With a second from Pat, the motion passed unanimously.

Larsen house: The district's counter offer was accepted, but the sale won't proceed until Feb or March. Money is budgeted, so whenever the owners are ready.

Commissioner elections:

Chair- Michelle moved to nominate Bill. With a second from Kate, the commissioners voted unanimously to elect Bill Commissioner Chair.

Vice Chair- Leigh moved to nominate Pat. With a second from Doug, the commissioners voted unanimously to elect Pat Vice Chair.

Secretary of the Board- Leigh nominated Karen. With a second from Kate, the commissioners voted unanimously to elect Karen Secretary of the Board.

Commissioner Absence: Pat moved to excuse Molly. With a second from Michelle, the commissioners voted 7 in favor, one opposed. Bill opposed because he stated that missing 3 in a row is grounds for losing spot. That is the law.

Ho Ho Run: There was good community response to the Ho Ho Run. Over 50 homes were served, with 4 Santas.

Next meeting Feb 13 at Index Resident house.

Adjourn 7:57