



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

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Draft Business Meeting Minutes, September 13, 2017

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

Public Commentary: There was no public commentary.

Chief's Report

Property Value Assessments: Property values are increasing in both District 26 and 28. District 26 assessed values are up 13 %, and 28 values are up 3%. There is also a lot of new construction in District 26, and a little new construction in District 28 as well.

Station 53 Update: The City of Gold Bar has refused the cash buyout offer proposed by the fire department in order to facilitate the relocation of city records stored at Station 53. The commissioners have decided to table this issue for now, and possibly resume negotiations with the city at some future time.

Wildland Firefighting: Due to the high number of wildfires in western states this summer, a number of firefighters have been mobilized from the district. This has sometimes left the district shorthanded. There were several fires with potential for rapid spreading within the district during this time, and in spite of being shorthanded, duty crews and volunteers were quick to react, and able to put them out. Thanks to all who have put in extra time.

New Engine: The new engine will be on the road very soon.

Fire Recruit School: There are 22 recruits in the class. Instructors from FD 7 and FD 26 are helping teach the program.

Secretary's Report

Merger Timeline: The 28 secretary is assembling the NOI for BRB, which will be ready for submission as soon as the description and maps are completed by the surveyor.

Consent Agenda

Vouchers: Bill moved to approve District 26/28 vouchers 449-17 through 509-17 for a total of \$80,638.88. With a second from Dean, the motion passed unanimously.

Pat moved to approve District 28 voucher 17-075 in the amount of \$20,000. With a second from Leigh, the motion passed unanimously.

Payroll: Bill moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$88,601.41 and with a second from Tim, 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.

Special Expenditure: Bill moved to authorize an unbudgeted expenditure of \$4500 for Harmsen Surveyors to prepare the legal descriptions and maps for the BRB. With a second from Molly, the motion passed unanimously. The secretary will review the proposal with the surveyor from Harmsen to determine if any parts of the proposal are not needed for the BRB.

Discussion Items

Policy 13: Fire Codes and Fire and Life Safety Programs: Policy 13 was presented for discussion and some minor grammatical corrections were noted.

GEMT Reimbursement Fund: Assistant Chief Walters will be looking into transport reimbursement changes in WA that may allow reimbursement at a higher rate. The district plans to enroll in this plan.

Training Prop: The architect is continuing to develop plans for a future training property, and the Conditional Use permitting is underway.

Action Items

Policies 10, 11 and 12: Policies 10, 11, and 12 were approved with minor edits.

Other Business

Railway Timbers: Commissioner Moore noted that people have been asking him about piles of debris near the railway that could be a fire hazard. Assist Chief Walters will look into it.

The next meeting of the combined District 26/28 will be on October 11 at 19:00 at the Index Resident House. Commissioners Sample and Rupp will be absent.

Meeting adjourned at 20:00.