

**SKAGIT COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 17**  
**Purpose: Monthly Public Fire Commissioners Meeting**

**October 16, 2023**

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

**Present:** Commissioners Wertheimer, Murphy, and Francis, Treasurer Davelaar, Secretary Kankaala, VFF Karen Anderson, VFF Tom Fouts, Gabe Murphy, Barb Ohms, Kathy Whittman

The minutes of September 11, 2023 were unanimously approved.

**Open:** Secretary Kankaala has given notice to vacate the position of secretary for District 17 at the end of 2022. The District 17 Fire Commissioners made a motion to recombine the positions of treasurer and secretary. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. **This will be Resolution 465.** Linda Davelaar has offered to take on the combined position of treasurer and secretary.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Skagit County Treasurer's General Ledger Detail Report

September Operating Fund cash balance \$ 63,290.35

September General Investment Fund balance \$ 12,624.87

September Capital Fund cash balance \$ 96,644.83

September Capital Investment Fund balance \$ 35,667.07

Total \$ 208,227.12

September GIFD expenditures: Expenses \$ 4,791.32

Payroll \$ 4,045.81

VFF Stipends \$ 2,865.00

September Expenditures Grand Total \$ 8,837.13

September GIFD Revenue Taxes collected \$ 2,518.18

Interest \$ 54.16

Donation \$ 264.00

September GIFD Total Revenue \$ 2,836.34

The following vouchers are approved for payment:

Fire Payments: FP 10-001 through 10-006 \$ 4,791.32

Electronic Payments: V7011-10001 through V7011-10005: \$ 341.63

V0591-10001 through V0591-10008: \$ 631.14

V5095-10001 through V5095-10004: \$ 551.42

Payroll Voucher: PR 10-2023 \$ 4,045.81

September Grand Total Payments \$11,702.13

Above Expenditures and Revenue Report was approved by the Commissioners at their October 16, 2023 public meeting.

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

- Medical Officer Kankaala has decided to leave the Guemes Island Fire Department. His last day with the department will be October 31, 2023. Karen Anderson will be the new medical officer, beginning November 1, 2023.

**Unfinished Business:**

- Land Donation - Anya Mayo is in active negotiations in regards to selling the proposed land donation for District 17. Anya Mayo has offered to waive her fees regarding the selling of the donated land.
- Water Softener System for Fire Department – District 17 has received two bids, regarding the water softener system for the Guemes Island Fire Department. More information, regarding the bid specifications, is needed and will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Regarding the volunteer FireFighters Health Insurance, interested members will be enrolling on November 1, 2023.

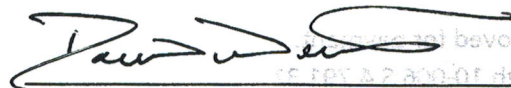
**New Business:**

- Gerry Francis is the new interim fire commissioner for District 17.
- Guemes GET, Guemes Emergency Team. GET is separate from GIFD but intends to be ready to support GIFD upon request. Please see the attached document provided by Kathy Whitman.
- Regarding the passing of Dave Margeson, the District 17 fire commissioners made a motion to honor Dave Margeson's commitment to the island as a firefighter and a fire commissioner.

**Next Resolution will be 466.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm. The next regular meeting will be Monday, November 13, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

Submitted by Eric Kankaala, Secretary



Skagit County Fire District 17, Chairman