

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

June 12, 2023

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

Present: Commissioners Wertheimer, Margeson, and Murphy, Chief Cole, Treasurer Davelaar, Secretary Kankaala, Gabe Murphy, Birch Beaudet, Matt Enos, Gail Nicolls, Jim Ciecko, Joanne Myers-Ciecko, Mary Hale, Zack Hale, Gabe Murphy, Karen Anderson, Tom Fouts

The minutes of May 15, 2023 were unanimously approved.

Open: A property owner on Guemes Island has offered the fire department a parcels of land. Commissioner Wertheimer will contact Skagit County and District 17's legal counsel to inquire about the legality of accepting the parcels of land.

Treasurer's Report:

Skagit County Treasurer's General Ledger Detail Report

May Operating Fund cash balance \$134,257.79

May General Investment Fund balance \$ 12,415.61

May Capital Fund cash balance \$ 96,644.83

May Capital Investment Fund balance \$ 35,075.89

Total \$278,394.12

May GIFD expenditures: Expenses \$ 8,208.02

Payroll \$ 4,123.31

VFF Stipends \$ 2,125.00

May Expenditures Grand Total \$14,456.33

May GIFD Revenue Taxes collected \$24,362.34

Interest \$ 48.23

WA Dept of Health Trauma Grant \$ 554.00

Timber Excise \$ 25.13

May GIFD Total Revenue \$ 24,989.70

The following vouchers are approved for payment:

Fire Payments: FP 06-001 through 06-007: \$ 8,208.02

Electronic Payments V7011-0601 through V7011-0604: \$ 860.49

V0591-0601 through V0591-0611: \$ 1,756.01

Payroll Voucher: PR 06-23 \$ 4,123.31

May Grand Total Payments \$12,331.33

Above Expenditures and Revenue Report was approved by the Commissioners at their June 12, 2023 public

meeting.

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

- District 17 would like to congratulate Megan McClellan and Greg Vammen for graduating from Wildland School.
- Structure fire on West Shore Drive
 - The Skagit County fire marshal has declared the fire to be accidental.
 - The owner of the structure did not call 911.
 - Neighbors of the burnt structure are concerned about toxic chemicals leaching into their water source. Chief Cole has directed the concerned persons to contact the Department of Ecology.
 - A demolition permit from Skagit County is required to remove the debris from the property.
 - The neighbors inquired about a required timeframe to remove the debris from the property.
 - The neighbors inquired about reoccupation of the property while the debris is still on the property.
- The District 17 Fire Commissioners made a motion to officially congratulate the work and dedication of Chief Cole and the firefighters of the Guemes Island Fire Department that goes into keeping the community safe.

Unfinished Business:

- District 17 is still searching for an ATV.
- The District 17 fire commissioners have sent a letter to encourage the Skagit County Commissioners to resolve the ongoing negotiations with the Guemes Island ferry workers. The District 17 fire commissioners have not received a response from the Skagit County Commissioners.

New Business:

- A water softener system is being researched for the Guemes Island Fire Department, due to the high mineral contents of the water.

Next Resolution will be 464.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

The next Commissioners meeting will be July 10, 2023.

Submitted by Eric Kankaala, Secretary