

SKAGIT COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 17

Purpose: Monthly Public Fire Commissioners Meeting

August 14, 2023

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

Present: Commissioners Wertheimer, and Murphy and Treasurer Davelaar. Members of the public: VFF Greg Vammen, VFF Karen Anderson, Gabe Murphy, Anya Mayo.

The minutes of July 10, 2023 were unanimously approved.

Open: Commissioner Murphy shared that a member of public contacted him to say that our meeting minutes have not been updated on the website since March 2023. This will be brought to Eric's attention when he returns from vacation.

Treasurer's Report:

Skagit County Treasurer's General Ledger Detail Report

July Operating Fund cash balance			\$ 100,149.03
July General Investment Fund balance			\$ 12,517.81
July Capital Fund cash balance			\$ 96,644.83
July Capital Investment Fund balance			\$ 35,364.62
	Total		\$244,676.29
July GIFD expenditures:	Expenses	\$24,519.54	
	Payroll	\$ 4,045.81	
	VFF Stipends	\$ 3,205.00	
July Expenditures Grand Total			\$31,770.35
July GIFD Revenue	Taxes collected	\$ 52.88	
	Interest	\$ 50.61	
	Donations	\$550.00	
July GIFD Total Revenue			\$ 653.49

The following vouchers are approved for payment:

Fire Payments:	FP 08-001 through 08-008	\$22,542.26
Electronic Payments	V7011-0801 through V7011-0804:	\$ 400.31
	V0591-0801 through V0591-0811:	\$ 1,359.22
	V5095-0701 through V5095-0702:	\$ 217.75
Payroll Voucher:	PR 08-23	\$ 4,045.81

July Grand Total Payments **\$28,565.35**

Above Expenditures and Revenue Report was approved by the Commissioners at their August 14, 2023 public meeting.

Chief's Report: See attached report for a list of drills and responses. In Chief Cole's absence, Greg Vammen submitted her report.

Mechanic's Report - Greg Vammen - In the process of cleaning house—a good shop is a clean shop. All vehicles operational and ready to go. Greg will be attending pump school in September.

Comment from Gabe Murphy: praised the GIFD for awesome response to calls from VFFs.

Unfinished Business:

- Land Donation – Anya Mayo – having checked with title company, both lots are landlocked with no access/easement; suggested approaching the neighboring landowners to see if there is any interest in purchasing the lots. 1.3 acres listed for \$19,500, suggested selling it for \$10,000; 1.04 acres listed for \$39,000, suggested selling for \$20,000. Motion of gratitude to Anya who volunteered to do the research and donated her time and talent to the department. Motion seconded; motion carried. Anya would be happy to represent us once the donation of the property goes through. Commissioner Murphy commented we should pursue the question with our attorney as to the legality of the GIFD accepting this donation. Motion made for Anya to approach interested buyers; if there is genuine interest, we will contact our attorney, have him draft an agreement that is notarized/witnessed and then we can approach the owner who is interested in donating the property to us. Motion made to that effect, motion seconded, motion carried.
- Water Softener System for Fire Department – discussion tabled, still in process, waiting for quotes from vendors.
- Fire Fighters Self-Financed Health Insurance through Washington Fire Commissioners Assn. Gregg's wife is willing to fill out the applications and paperwork. Motion made to authorize VFFs to obtain the insurance as long as no cost to GIFD; motion seconded; motion carried.
- Appreciation was expressed for the alerts that appear on "What's Up Guemes" regarding beach fires and other hazards that seem to pop up all summer.
- Gabe Murphy shared that he told County Commissioner Browning that we asked for support from the sheriff's office re enforcement of Fourth of July fireworks ban and circumventing potential fire danger. Don't know what good it will do, but at least the word is out there.
- A Fed-Ex driver apparently posted on Facebook that GIFD had agreed to become a central location for Fed-Ex deliveries. Commissioner Murphy asked Chief Cole about this and she will be contradicting this post on What's Up Guemes. The fire department unequivocally rejects this idea and NO delivery companies may use the GIFD property as a package repository; the station is unmanned and we will not be exposed to this liability. Motion made, motion seconded, motion carried.

New Business:

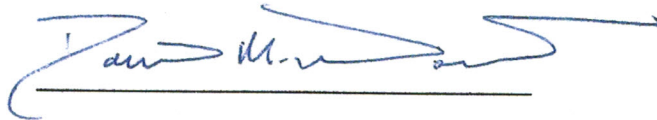
Commissioner vacancy, as Dave Margeson has moved outside the district. Commissioners solicit interested parties, appoint a commissioner to fill the position until the 2024 election. When Eric returns, he will post the position on Linetime, our website, the bulletin boards, hopefully by August 18, with a closing date of August 24 for acceptance of applications. Commissioners will review the applicants on the

August 27 in Executive Session, schedule interviews on August 31. Publish the meeting date for the public to attend 1 to 3 pm on the August 31^t.

Next Resolution will be 464.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm. The next regular meeting will be Monday, September 11, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

Submitted by Linda Davelaar, Treasurer

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dan Mc...", is written above a horizontal line.

Skagit County Fire District 17, Chairman