

SKAGIT COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 17
Purpose: Monthly Public Fire Commissioners Meeting
(minutes pending approval)

July 12, 2022

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

Present: Commissioners Wertheimer, Murphy, and Margeson, Chief Snell, Treasurer Davelaar, Secretary Kankaala, Captain Tom Fouts

The minutes of June 13, 2022 were unanimously approved as corrected.

Open:

The District 17 Fire Commissioners would like to thank the GIFD volunteers for their continued commitment and work to keep the island, residents, and visitors safe during the July 4th celebrations.

Treasurer's Report:

Skagit County Treasurer's General Ledger Detail Report

June Operating Fund cash balance \$ 95,545.14

June General Investment Fund balance \$ 12,059.04

June Capital Fund cash balance \$136,644.83

June Capital Investment Fund balance \$ 34,068.53

Total \$278,317.54

June GIFD expenditures: Expenses \$ 5,366.84

Payroll \$ 5,302.25

VFF Stipends \$ 5,735.00

June Expenditures Grand Total \$ 16,783.43

June GIFD Revenue Taxes collected \$ 936.49

Interest \$ 6.84

June GIFD Total Revenue \$ 943.33

The following vouchers are approved for payment:

Fire Payments: FP 07-01 through 07-10: \$3,516.83

Electronic Payments V7011-701 through V7011-704: \$ 315.03

V9348-701 through V9348-711 \$1,089.76

V9371-701 through V9371-703 \$ 445.22

Payroll Voucher: PR 07/22 \$5,302.25

June Grand Total Payments \$10,669.09

Above Expenditures and Revenue Report was approved by the Commissioners at their July 12, 2022 public meeting.

Chief's Report: See [attached report](#) for a list of drills and responses.

- The Anacortes Fire Department would like to give the Guemes Island Fire Department access to their ATV. The delivery of the ATV is TBD.
- Chief Cole is planning to create a wildland fit test, in order for the GIFD volunteer members to obtain their RED cards.

Unfinished Business:

- No updates on the Community Hall parcel.

New Business:

- The Guemes Island Fire Department dealt with many violations of illegal fireworks, public intoxication, driving under the influence, and disputes among different parties.
- The District 17 Commissioners will be writing to the Skagit County Sheriff, regarding safety of the volunteers of the Guemes Island Fire Department.
- The District 17 Fire Commissioners plan to send a letter to Skagit County Public Works, regarding campfire bans on Washington State Beaches.
- Burn Ban begins July 16, 2022. The burn ban is modified. Please see below, regarding the parameters of the modified burn ban.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 16, 2022

Contact: Bonnie LaCount, Deputy Fire Marshal, bonniel@co.skagit.wa.us, 360-416-1842

Burn Ban takes effect July 16, 2022, for all of Skagit County

Due to forecasted weather conditions, a modified burn ban for all residential and land clearing fires in unincorporated

Skagit County will go into effect at 0800, July 16 th , and continue until further notice. Skagit County will no longer issue

permits for these activities and existing permits are suspended.

Recreational and cooking fires, limited to 3 feet in diameter and two feet high remain allowed within enclosures and

when safety precautions are followed. Recreational or cooking fires can consist only of charcoal, seasoned firewood, or

propane-fueled firepits and must meet the following requirements:

Enclosures must be AT LEAST 14 inches high, no wider than 3 feet, and made of cement blocks, stones, or #10

gauge steel

Burned material must be kept BELOW the top of the enclosure

ALWAYS have a charged garden hose OR two 5-gallon buckets of water OR a 5-gallon Class A fire extinguisher

and shovel present

Fires MUST BE 15 feet from combustibles, standing timber, or overhanging tree branches

Someone 16 years old or older must ALWAYS be present to monitor and/or extinguish the fire

If you are within the city limits of any of the incorporated cities or towns, check with your city fire department for

current burning restrictions.

This ban does not pertain to agricultural burning permitted through the Northwest Clean Air Agency or silvicultural

burning permitted through Washington State Department of Natural Resources. For information on active permits,

contact those agencies directly.

If you have any questions about open burning in Skagit County please contact the Skagit County Fire Marshal's Office at

360-416-1840, or our website at www.skagitcounty.net/firemarshal.

Next Resolution number will be 456.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm. The **next regular meeting** will be August 8, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Submitted by Eric Kankaala, Secretary

Skagit County Fire District 17, Chairman