

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

May 13, 2024

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

Present: Commissioners Wertheimer, Murphy, and Francis; Chief Cole and Secretary Davelaar

The minutes of April, 2024 were unanimously approved.

Open: None

Treasurer's Report:

Skagit County Treasurer's General Ledger Detail Report

April Operating Fund cash balance		\$ 94,610.77
April General Investment Fund balance		\$ 13,015.56
April Capital Fund cash balance		\$ 95,835.31
April Capital Investment Fund balance		\$ 36,770.81
	Total	\$240,232.45
April GIFD expenditures:	Expenses	\$3,633.54
	Payroll	\$4,684.80
	VFF Stipends	\$1,815.00
Expense Grand Total		\$10,133.34
April GIFD Revenue	Taxes collected	\$66,164.39
	Interest	\$ 232.15
	WA Dept of Health Trauma Grant	\$ 766.00
April GIFD Total Revenue		\$67,162.54

The following vouchers are approved for payment:

Fire Payments:	FP 05-001 through 05-007	\$2,501.44
Electronic Payments:	V9360-0501 through V9360-0503:	\$ 247.27
	V0591-0501 through V0591-0512:	\$ 819.19
	V5095-0501 through V5095-0502:	\$ 65.64
Payroll Voucher:	PR 52024	\$4,684.80

April Grand Total Payments **\$8,318.34**

The motion was made by commissioner Murphy to approve the above Expenditures and Revenue Report; motion seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Chief's Report: See report for a list of drills and responses. New recruit is under consideration, Cole Snell will be returning to the department.

Unfinished Business:

- Land Donation—Karen will determine from the owner if the parcels are linked. Anya Mayo is following up with the potential buyers soon.
- Water Softener System—water has passed all three tests to date. Last month, Tom Fouts presented the information he has for a new water softener system for \$12,850.80, which will also include a reverse osmosis system \$852. Answer received from attorney Snure: **This would be a public works project and is under the \$30,000 bid threshold so no issues with our process. The vendor will need to pay prevailing wages and comply with the public works requirements.** Commissioner Murphy moved to approve the bid for the water softener, motion seconded, motion carried unanimously; the chief will proceed with the contract and make sure the wording from Brian Snure, attorney at law is included in the contract.

New Business:

- 2023 Annual Report has been filed with the WA State Auditor.
- Levy Calculation Worksheet from Skagit County Assessor was discussed; how the levy is calculated. Skagit county has approved the language for our levy increase on the ballot;, Karen and Manuel are writing the pro statement; no one as come forward to produce the con opinion.
- BVFF fees for annual disability and pension payments increasing January 1, 2025: Disability increase from \$30 to \$50; Pension increase from \$60 to \$90; with our 15 volunteers at \$140 per member per year, or \$2,100 beginning in January 2025.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm. The next regular meeting will be Monday, June 10, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

Next Resolution will be 471.

Submitted by Linda Davelaar, District Secretary

Skagit County Fire District 17, Chairman