

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

March 13, 2023

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

Present: Commissioners Wertheimer and Murphy , Chief Cole, Treasurer Davelaar, Secretary Kankaala, Tom Fouts, Barb Ohms, John Strathman, Phyllis Bravinder

The minutes of February 13, 2023 were unanimously approved.

Open: None

Treasurer's Report:

Skagit County Treasurer's General Ledger Detail Report
February Operating Fund cash balance \$ 33,822.40
February General Investment Fund balance \$ 12,279.08
February Capital Fund cash balance \$136,644.83
February Capital Investment Fund balance \$ 34,690.19
Total \$217,436.50

February GIFD expenditures: Expenses \$6,302.33
Payroll \$4,207.25
VFF Stipends \$1,550.00
February Expenditures Grand Total \$ 12,059.58
February GIFD Revenue Taxes collected \$2,786.61
Interest \$ 43.34

February GIFD Total Revenue \$ 2,829.95

The following vouchers are approved for payment:
Fire Payments: FP 03-001 through 03-007: \$5,122.47
Electronic Payments V7011-0301 through V7011-0203: \$ 631.12
V0591-0301 through V0591-0313: \$ 548.74
Payroll Voucher: PR 02-23 \$4,207.25
February Grand Total Payments \$10,509.58

Above Expenditures and Revenue Report was approved by the Commissioners at their March 13, 2023 public meeting.

The District 17 commissioners made a motion to authorize the District 17 treasurer to transfer funds from the Capital Fund cash balance to the Operation Fund as needed. The motion passed unanimously. This will be Resolution 461.

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

- The District 17 commissioners have discussed compensating, monetary wise, the ferry crew for responding to after hour calls. **Pending discussions with the Skagit County Public Works and representatives of the Union representing the ferry workers of the Guemes Island Ferry, the District 17 Commissioners made a motion to compensate each ferry worker that responds to after hour calls \$100 per after hours emergency ferry run. This motion passed unanimously. This will be Resolution 462.**
- Meghan McClellan has submitted her application to join the Guemes Island Fire Department.
- The Guemes Island Fire Department updated the residents of Guemes Island that the island is currently serviced by two helicopter ambulance services, Airlift NW and Lifeflight Network. GIFD has recommended that residents purchase insurance for both services.

Unfinished Business:

- The Guemes Island Fire Department volunteers discussed and voted on allowing unvaccinated community members to join the department. The Department voted that all members of the Guemes Island Fire Department need to be vaccinated against COVID 19.
- The District 17 commissioners [wrote a letter](#) to Skagit County, regarding the Gwost property on Section Ave. The commissioners have been notified that the issues regarding that property have been related to the county prosecutor's office. A copy of this letter can be found here.

New Business:

- The owner of 6694 Guemes Island Road, at the request of renters Eric Kankaala and Matt Enos, has granted permission to Eric Kankaala to request that the Guemes Island Fire Department find another location for the helipad. The current location can be used while a new helipad is located, but Eric Kankaala has requested that Chief Cole find a new location for the helipad as soon as possible.
- The District 17 Commissioner meeting dates in May and October have been changed May 8 to May 15, 2023, and October 9 to October 16, 2023.

Next Resolution will be 463.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

The next Commissioners meeting will be April 10, 2023.

Submitted by Eric Kankaala, Treasurer

Skagit County Fire District 17, Chairman