



**SNOHOMISH COUNTY  
FIRE DISTRICT 26**

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**Business Meeting Minutes, September 11, 2019**

**BVFF Committee:** Bill, Kate, Chief Andrews and Karen (recorder) were present. Carsen Smith was not in attendance.

There were no BVFF charges to approve.

The business meeting was called to order at 19:11. Present were Commissioner Chair Bill Tubbs, Vice Commissioner Pat Sample, and Commissioners Kate Hayes, Michelle Adie, Molly Olson, Doug Rupp and Leigh Christianson. Also present were Assistant Chief Ernie Walters, Captains Scott Coulson and Brandon Vargas, and Secretary Karen McPeters (recorder)

**Public Commentary:** No public commentary.

**Reports:**

**EXECUTIVE**

The city of Gold Bar has asked if the district would be willing to purchase their long-term lease agreement, terminating the city's right to occupy this building for 30 years. The buy out amount under discussion is \$15,000, with an exit date of Oct 31.

FD 7 will be leaving the VFIS insurance pool, which may change rates for remaining pool members. The district has decided to wait and see how rates are impacted, and what the cost is to districts that go with a new insurer.

The Sky Valley Fire rebranding celebration will be on Sept 19 at 7 pm.

**OPERATIONS**

\$145,000 of GEMT payments for 2018 are planned to be dedicated to the Apparatus Replacement Fund, as well as \$125,000 from the 2020 M&O levy, keeping that fund on track to fund apparatus as scheduled.

The addition to Station 55 is nearing completion. The tender has been moved to Index.

**EMS**

EMS is creating a new class that will address the high number of EMT requirements in the county.

Vail contract is completed for medics to staff aid station this ski season.

Recruiting specific personnel to work at aid station.

Working on new job description for EMS educator program which will be split from current MSO job.

Committee continues to work on new medic unit specifications for purchase

in 2020.

Processing new medic applications and interviews for additional staff.

## SUPPORT SERVICES

We are receiving quotes for new phone system. Evaluating all internet managed vs. station house systems.

The new parking area has alleviated the parking issues at Station 54. A fence is under discussion to discourage trespassing after some reports of people on the property.

The recently purchased welder is getting lots of use on the training structure.

The Fire Academy is at 28 people, the engine academy is almost full, and the next EMT class is starting in Jan.

### **Secretary's Report:**

The Systems Design report is available for review.

The call report is available for review.

### **Budget:**

Expenditures are at 77%.

**Minutes:** Molly moved to approve the August minutes. With a second from Doug, the motion passed unanimously.

Molly moved to approve the July 30 special meeting minutes. With a second from Michelle, the motion passed unanimously.

Michelle moved to approve the August 5 special meeting minutes. With a second from Pat, the motion passed unanimously.

**Vouchers:** Bill moved to approve September vouchers 384-19 through 434-19 in the amount of \$122,192.24. With a second from Michelle, the motion passed unanimously. Vouchers 398, 405, 424, 425, and part of 426 and 427 were from the Construction Fund for capital improvements at the training facility.

**Payroll:** Bill moved to approve September payroll in the amount of \$77,600.48. With a second from Molly, the motion passed unanimously.

### **Discussion:**

Commissioner Rupp reported that the feasibility study for cell phone service to the Index-Galena Road has determined that signal strength is insufficient to support a repeater. An alternate plan is a full cell tower on the SERS tower, although power requirements are considerable and may not be available at the tower. T-Mobile won't make a decision until Spring regarding working on service improvements in this area.

An additional alternative would be Wi-Fi calling utilizing a signal from Station 54.

Commissioners Molly, Michelle and Kate plan to attend the Tulalip conference in October. District has made it to final phase of FEMA grant awards for SCBAs and is hopeful.

Bill plans to follow up with District 5 regarding ALS transports.

**Action:**

Bill moved to have the attorney draw up a purchase agreement to pay \$15,000 to relinquish any claims to use, lease or own the E. annex building, and move everything out by Oct 31. With a second from Kate, the motion passed unanimously.

Bill moved to authorize surplus of 1999 F450 rescue vehicle and the old single-axle utility trailer, and send them to auction at Murphy's. With a second from Michelle, the motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting 7:00 on October 9 at the Index resident house.

Adjournment 8:49.