



Business Meeting Minutes, October 13, 2021

BVFF Committee: Molly, Commissioner Chair Bill Tubbs, Chief Eric Andrews and Karen (recorder) were present. Carsen Smith was not in attendance. There were no charges.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm, with a link posted for public Zoom access. Present were Commissioner Chair Bill Tubbs, Vice Chair Pat Sample, Commissioners Molly Olson, Michelle Adie, Doug Rupp and Leigh Christianson. Also present were Chief Eric Andrews, Assistant Chief Ernie Walters, Division Chief Jarrod Spence, MSA Pete Parrish, Captain Rob Thurston, Captain Brandon Vargas, Captain Scott Coulson and Secretary Karen McPeters (recorder).

Public Commentary: No public

EXECUTIVE

Vaccination Proclamation – As of the date of this writing I have received four requests for religious beliefs exemption to the Covid vaccination. All four have been approved and the individuals have been sent letters explaining accommodations/requirements for continued service.

The proclamation is having far reaching effects as we look at many other areas that District personnel participate in, including mobilizations, training academies and other situations where exemptions may not be allowed.

2022 Budget – We have received our preliminary valuations numbers from the county assessor's office. In 2021 there was \$4,230,000 of new construction in the district. Tax resolutions are being prepared for the assessed value plus new construction and 1% increase.

Radio Replacement - The mobile radio replacements have begun now that the portable radio replacements are complete. Apparatus will be scheduled to have the radios replaced when in for maintenance.

Push in Ceremony – The new engine that is stationed at Station 54 will have its official push in ceremony on Saturday the 16th. This is a tradition used by the fire service to welcome a new piece of apparatus. Great job by crew and Ernie getting the new engine in service and also getting the repaired engine back in service. We have exceptionally good apparatus first out at each station, with a great reserve and a training engine which makes our fleet first rate. The last report from the EMS unit committee is they will be ready to place the order for the unit in the next month.

Commissioners Conference – October 20, 21 and 22 at Tulalip conference center.

OPERATIONS

Station 53- Repairs are still underway. There have been delays in getting some supplies.

Station 54- Lawhead is working on the design for the kitchen work at 54.

Drone- The drone has been called out several times in the last month.

Personnel- The goal is around 65 people in Operations, and at this time we are down to about 50. A significant number have been lost recently. Replacing residents is the first priority, with testing for residents, then testing for new volunteers planned. There also is a focus on retention, and helping new personnel get involved quickly. The 2022 budget includes increased funding for recruitment and retention.

SUPPORT SERVICES

No report

EMS

ESO- All ESO electronic health reports (EHR's) have been assigned to the QA team through August

EMS division is working with Snohomish County to update the County EMS CQI/QA procedure. This project is still ongoing.

Code Stat is caught up and all Cardiac Arrest and Advanced Airways have been annotated.

EMT Training- AEMT course has begun with 12 students. Students are beginning their clinical hours both at Sky Valley Fire and Evergreen Hospital

Continuing EMS Education- Completed third quarter ALS run review with Dr. Brown. Completed Third Quarter SCEMS OTEP practical.

CPR Training- 9 School First Aid, 1 Community First Aid and CPR, 2 Health Care Provider CPR.

EMS unit inventory project- A54 and M54 have both been labeled and made to be as identical as possible regarding EMS supplies. Continue to edit supply list for both units; making good progress.

Personnel- Paramedic David Salvadalena is on LOA. Paramedic recruitment has produced 6 candidates; we would like to add 3 or 4 medics to the roster. September ALS coverage 99.6% (3 hours not covered). More uncovered shifts expected in 4th quarter for a variety of reasons.

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Secretary's Report

The Systems Design report and run totals are available for review.

Budget

Currently at 87%.

Minutes: Molly moved to approve the September minutes. With a second from Leigh, the motion passed unanimously.

Vouchers: Bill moved to approve vouchers 433 through 476 for \$99,229.88, and voucher 15 from the Construction Fund for 185.00. With a second from Michelle, the motion passed unanimously.

Payroll: Bill moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$181,965.76. With a second from Pat, the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

The board discussed budget priorities. Bill emphasized the need for budgeting adequately for recruitment and retention in the current employment climate.

Leigh reported on the Sno-Isle Commissioners' meeting. The meeting focused on fireworks bans in some parts of Snohomish County.

Next regular meeting November 10, in person with public access on Zoom available. This meeting will also be the 2022 Budget Hearing.

Adjournment 7:57 pm

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