



**SNOHOMISH COUNTY  
FIRE DISTRICT 26**

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**Business Meeting Minutes, April 10, 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 meeting was called to order at 19:10. Present were Bill Tubbs, and Commissioners Kate Hayes, Michelle Adie, Molly Olson, Dean Johnson, and Leigh Christianson. Also present were Chief Eric Andrews, Division Chief Jarrod Spence, Captain Brandon Vargas, Steve McCormack and Secretary Karen McPeters (recorder). Commissioners Pat Sample, Tim Folsom and Doug Rupp were absent.

**Public Commentary:** No public commentary

**Executive Report**

The chief presented an apparatus replacement plan for the next 12 years, and proposed that 60% of the revenues from the M&O levy for the August ballot, if it passes, be earmarked for this AR fund. The levy would need to be approved again in four years, and in eight years to fully fund the apparatus replacement plan.

**Operations Report**

The structural review of the town hall was completed, and the cost of changes required to convert the attic space to a storage area would be cost prohibitive. Walters recommends establishing a lease for the town to continue to use the old precinct building all, or in part, and focus on development of the Larsen property for resident housing.

The county is still reviewing the permit application for Station 55 addition.

Walters selected Lt. Vargas to be Operations Captain.

New extrication tools capable of cutting through metals used in newer cars were purchased and volunteers are training on their use.

Capt. Vargas completed test to become a licensed drone pilot. Several others are nearing completion. Use of the drone is planned for wildland fires, swiftwater calls, search and rescue, filming for training videos, and aiding the sheriff's department.

## SUPPORT SERVICES / TRAINING / EMS

The contract with Vail has been in force and we have been providing a medic in the Stevens Pass Aid room. The medics are wrapping up the last 2 weeks of the ski season.

The EMT course is in full swing. Students have been getting great instruction. We worked out temporary contract for the instructors coming up and giving various courses.

Fire Academy is coming up in Fall, 8 outside members have already applied and many applications for the new intern program have been coming in.

The Training Center is waiting for conditional use permitting.

We have several EMT renewals in progress this quarter.

The annual trauma grant from state (\$1,244) was submitted for as well as request from the Medic One foundation.

### **Secretary's Report**

Systems Design billing was reviewed.

### **Budget**

Currently at 33%, right on goal.

We're still waiting for CA EMAC payments from 2018 as well as GEMT funds.

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

**Vouchers:** Bill moved to approve April vouchers 143-19 through 196-19 in the amount of \$110,728.47. With a second from Kate, the motion passed unanimously.

**Payroll:** Bill moved to approve April payroll in the amount of \$88,382.48. With a second from Michelle, the motion passed unanimously.

### **Discussion**

The current expiring M&O levy was for \$125,000/yr

The chief recommends putting \$175,000 into ARF (Apparatus Replacement Fund) this year from new M&O levy by increasing total levy to \$300,000, or .51 per \$1000 at today's assessed values (.48 with estimated 7% increase in valuations).

Bill moves to pass Resolution 01-2019 for new \$300,000 M&O levy. With a second from Kate, the motion passed unanimously. The levy will be on the August ballot.

The used rescue vehicle in CT is highly favored by the research committee. AC Walters presented 3 comparables. Steve McCormack did research into the vehicle and feels it's an extremely good quality heavy medium-duty vehicle.

Kate moved to approve purchase of the rescue. With a second from Michelle, the motion passed unanimously pending AC Walters' evaluation on-site.

Resolution to increase the transport fees. The last increase was in 2016. The new rates will bring us in line with CPI rate increases. District 7, 5 and we will all bill the same rates. Bill moved to

approve Resolution 02-2019. With a second from Molly the motion passed unanimously.

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:** none

May 9 meeting with SVFR in Baring at 7:00 to be followed by our regular business meeting, with the location changed to the resident house in Index. Bill moved to change the meeting date and location accordingly. With a second from Michelle, the motion passed unanimously, and the secretary will post a meeting date/ location change.

The chief plans to be out May 1-21.

Adjournment 8:30