



North Mason Regional Fire Authority (NMRFA)

Meeting Minutes

460 NE Old Belfair Hwy

8/14/2018

Present: Commissioners McIntosh, Kewish, Severson, Quigley, Miller; Executive Assistant Patti, Chief Bakken; Assistant Chief Cooper

Guests: Lorraine Boyce, Herb Gearhardt

Community Service Award: Chief Bakken presented a Community Service Award to Lorraine Boyce for her work in ensuring her neighbors have our red reflective address signs. He thanked her for her effort.

The meeting minutes from July 10th and 17th were presented for approval.

Commissioner Quigley moved to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Severson seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Vouchers- Vouchers for the month of August #108001 to #1808102 in the amount of \$335,483.88 were presented for approval.

Commissioner Quigley inquired what the invoice for Morgan Built Homes was for. This was for the new station doors.

Commissioner Kewish moved to approve the vouchers as presented; Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. Motion approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Chief Bakken will provide an update on the financials at next week's meeting.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Taste of Hood Canal: Cpt. Hicks provided an update on the Taste of Hood Canal. The Firefighters Association benefited from this event. Commissioner Quigley commented on the wonderful breakfast that was served. She requested we "up our game" at future events and have environmentally friendly utensils, plates and cups. She offered to take items to prepare them for curbside recycling.

Burn Ban: We are currently in a total burn ban. We have been updating the public on social media.

Security System: Cpt. Hicks provided an update on the Security System. It is up and running and the functions are doing what we expect them to do. If you have any issues please let him know.

Salmon Bake: The Salmon Bake will not occur in August. We hope to have more information to share at next week's meeting.

Barry Snover: Chief Bakken reported that former Fire Chief Barry Snover recently passed away. He was one of our LEOFF 1 Members. We obtained an obituary from St Hugh Church that Chief will share with the Board.

Wildland Deployment Update: Both brush trucks have just come back from a two week deployment and will likely return to either the Maple Leaf Fire or Kettle Falls following a 24 hour rest. We have received approximately \$27k in monies for equipment reimbursement from this year's deployments.

Collins Lake Radio Tower: We had a 30 year old antenna that was failing and as a result was causing communication issues. B Shift did a high angle climbing training and helped put up a new tower. Chief Bakken reported that Dist. 1, 6, 17 and the Tahuya Peninsula use that tower to radio in. Since the replacement, the new tower appears to be working well.

Lt. Testing: We are in the process of promoting three LT's. We have an orientation coming up on August 30th. We are excited and hope to have the new LT's in place by the first of the year.

DNR Conservation Area: Chief Bakken addressed the Board regarding the DNR conservation areas. He added that while we have not addressed this as a board it is important to discuss it as it has resulted in some concern in Tahuya. Chief Bakken provided an overview of the issue. We have been asked to take a position on the conservation district. Chief Bakken made a recommendation to the Board that we (RFA) elect to not take a position on this matter. The Board was in agreement.

Herb Gerhardt indicated there are more issues than just the conservation areas that he believes need to be addressed before action is taken. He reported the Hospital District Board will not make a statement as a group; however, Board members as individuals are free to express their opinion.

Fire Impact Fees: Chief Bakken reported Mason Co does not have Fire Impact Fees. He described the rules and regulations to the Board. The Fire Chiefs will bring this information to the Joint Fire Chief/Commissioner meeting in October with a proposal for the two groups to work together and hire a consultant for further investigation.

Herb Gearhardt suggested they reach out to the school district on this topic.

OLD BUSINESS

Sexual Harassment Policy: Chief Bakken presented the final draft of the Sexual Harassment Policy for review. He requested the Board review the policy and made a recommendation to have a more robust discussion at next week's meeting with the hopes of adopting the policy.

Purchase and Sale Agreement (PSA): Chief Bakken provided an update on the PSA. The signing of the agreement marks a momentous occasion for the Fire Authority.

Joint Board Meeting with MCFD3: The Joint Board meeting will occur on 9/13/18 at 7pm in Grapeview. We are looking at a three phased working agreement. There is a beneficial arrangement for both agencies moving forward.

Tahuya Fire Station: Commissioner Severson reported progress is moving forward on the specs and we should be able to go out to bid soon. We have an approved septic design which is great.

County Wide EMS: Chief Bakken provided an update on the proposed county wide EMS system. The EMS Council is leading the discussion and will approach the County and County Commissioners. Our MPD is a strong advocate and Chief has approached the Fire Chiefs for support of the work that the Council is doing. Cpt. Ehresman is taking lead on this topic at the EMS Council level.

Public Comment:

Herb Gerhardt: Inquired if we need a continuous boundary to merge with MCFD3. Chief Bakken explained this is no longer the case due to new Legislation that now states “reasonable proximity.”

Additional DNR Contract – At Dewatto meeting, police and fire support we told DNR has their own police and fire support to handle issues. We have a protection agreement in place and are responsible for two hours as a mutual aid request. After 2 hours we get paid to help support.

Good of the Order:

The Board heard from two community members who were in attendance to observe how our meetings are run. They complimented the Board on their involvement, input, and forward thinking.

Commissioner McIntosh plans to attend the Mason Co Fire Dist. 3 meeting tomorrow. Joint Fire Chief’s/Fire Commissioners meeting will be held on Oct. 4th at 6pm at the Shelton Civic Center.

County Wide Scenario Training: Commissioner Quigley inquired how training typically occurs for a county wide EMS system. Chief Bakken explained that each county has its own unique geography and many other things one must take into consideration. Typically the MPD and County Commissioners make the decisions.

Commissioner McIntosh moved to adjourn; Commissioner Quigley seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:17pm.

BOARD OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

Present: Commissioner McIntosh, Chief Bakken, Asst. Chief Cooper, EA Patti, Volunteer John Lamb

The following items were presented for approval: Volunteer physicals, Reimbursement for Barry Snover payments made to the Pension, Invoice for a volunteer injury.

AC Cooper made a motion to approve the items as presented; Volunteer Lamb seconded the motion. Motion approved.

End at 6:27pm



Authority Secretary Katie Patti



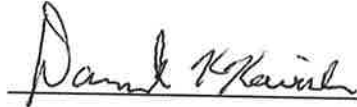
Commissioner Kelley McIntosh




Commissioner Brooke Quigley



Commissioner Bob Miller



Commissioner Daniel Kewish



Commissioner Paul Severson