



North Mason Regional Fire Authority (NMRFA)

Meeting Minutes

Station 81

12/16/2014

Present: Commissioners McIntosh, Kewish, Voss-Petredis, Wampold, Blackwell, Fire Chief Bakken, Asst. Chief Cooper, Authority Secretary Patti, District 2 Commissioner Severson

Guests: None

Excused: Commissioner's Burrus and Quigley

The meeting was called to order at 5:01pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Chief Bakken reported we have another month of revenue that will come in mid-January 2015. At present, we have \$111k more revenue than anticipated. In addition that number will increase once figures have come in. Chief Bakken will provide updated numbers to the Commissioners tomorrow via email. Several Commissioners brought up the idea of an introductory class on the budget. Chief Bakken agreed indicating the budget can be very confusing. He is available to go over the budget at any time.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT:

Name Badges: Kudos to Tina Miller for the creation of the id badges. The Commissioners received name badges to wear at community events which will help identify them to the public and the staff.

Collective Bargaining Agreement 2015-2017: The Labor Contract has been signed by the local. There were no issues identified.

Structure Fire: There was a structure fire (garage) that occurred on the 10,000 block of Northshore. A car inside of the garage was being worked on and backfired resulting in the fire. The fire had extinguished by the time the Fire Authority came on scene.

FEMA Grant: Chief Bakken put in for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant. We are requesting 3 thermal imaging cameras at a cost of \$10k each. We should know if we were awarded the grant in four to six months.

NEW BUSINESS:

Policy Review: Two policies were presented for approval. One is brand new and the other is a revised policy.

OPS- 20: Student Firefighter Program - Chief Bakken provided the history of the student firefighter program that has been in effect since 1995. There is anywhere between 8-10 individuals in the program at a time with an average program lifespan of 2-3 years in which the students either get hired by a department or with the Fire Authority. The benefit is the training they receive by working hand in hand with our career staff. Chief's Bakken and Cooper along with Tina Miller and the student firefighters had

a great dinner meeting in which the new program goals were reviewed. Chief has asked that the number of students be decreased to allow for adequate time and attention to their development. He added the program is challenging and it takes a lot of dedication and perseverance on the part of these individuals as well as the Chief's and career staff. Commissioner McIntosh attested to the program's effectiveness.

Admin 38: Firefighter Entrance Test Reimbursement: Many student firefighters find the testing fees to be a barrier to their success in becoming a career firefighter. It is not unusual to watch the cost of the tests to run into the hundreds of dollars. Chief believes it is in our best interest to have the RFA provide reimbursement for these fees. This policy addresses that belief.


Commissioner Voss- Petredis made a motion to approve the two policies as presented and amended. Commissioner Wampold seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Good of the Order: There were several items for the good of the order.

- Department Dinner: Commissioner McIntosh inquired if there will be an agenda for the dinner.
- Last Meeting of 2014 - Chief Bakken wished everyone a Merry Christmas.
- District 8 Audit has been going well. We will keep the Commissioners updated if anything is needed from the D8 Commissioners.
- Mason County Fire Commissioner Meeting: Feb 5th at 7pm at the Shelton Civic Center.

Commissioner Blackwell moved to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Voss-Petredis seconded the motion. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 5:42pm.



Authority Secretary Katie Patti



Commissioner Kelley McIntosh

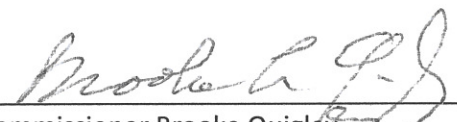
Commissioner Dan Burrus



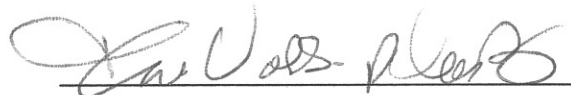
Commissioner Shelby Blackwell



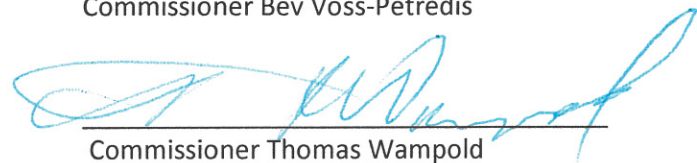
Commissioner Daniel Kewish



Commissioner Brooke Quigley



Commissioner Bev Voss-Petredis



Commissioner Thomas Wampold