



North Mason Regional Fire Authority (NMRFA)

Meeting Minutes

14880 NE North Shore Rd

5/19/2015

Present: Commissioners Kewish, McIntosh, Quigley, Voss-Petredis, Wampold; Fire Chief Bakken, Assistant Chief Cooper, Executive Assistant Patti

Excused: None

Guests: Merrill Wallace

The meeting was called to order at 5:03pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Chief provided an update on the finances for the Board. He reported April tax revenues have come in. We will probably continue to see additional monies come in next month due to late filers. We are well over our projected revenues for timber tax in this area. He also reported salary expenses are low but will increase once we hire for the paramedic positions. He noted there is currently \$1.25 million in the WA State Investment Pool and he will work with Executive Assistant Patti to invest a portion of April revenues to this account.

Commissioner McIntosh asked if we would be paying cash for the ambulance. Chief Bakken replied that we would pay cash.

Property on South Shore: The Commissioners asked if any further discussion would take place regarding the property. Chief reported there are other more pressing capital projects that we must meet first however; we have not prioritized these projects.

Store Property: Commissioner Wampold asked what the plan was with the store. Chief reported that we had originally held off on meeting due to the talks with Central Mason, but now that we are in a holding pattern we can resume discussion on the store. We had also waited to hold a community meeting until folks got back from winter vacation.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT:

Paramedic Hiring Process: Tomorrow is the paramedic firefighter assessment at Theler. The Commissioners are welcome to attend. We will begin at 9:00am and conclude at 4pm. Thank you to Cpt. Ehresman, FF/PM Douglas, Admin Asst. Criess and Executive Assistant Patti for their work leading up to the assessment.

Election Update: The candidates that are running for Commissioner are Merrill Wallace, Tom Wampold, Robert "Bob" Miller, and Paul Severson.

AmeriCorps Grant: The grant is winding down and the team will provide a final presentation to the Board in July. Cpt. Hicks applied for another grant through AmeriCorps with the focus on water and bike safety. One of the current volunteers has expressed interest in staying on for the new grant. The

of the chili/salsa cook-off being held on June 6th at the NM Eagles Club from 12:00pm-5:00pm to benefit the Volunteer Firefighter Assn.

Strategic Plan Update: Chief Bakken indicated he has kept in touch with the strategic planners from BERK. Members of the Steering Committee will be going to Seattle on June 23rd to meet and finish the plan.

Safety Days: The annual event will take place on June 9th at Sand Hill Elementary and June 11th at Belfair Elementary. Chief invited the Commissioners to attend. Commissioner Quigley has been in years past and said it is a great event! She also mentioned that she has spoken to parents in the district who have applauded our efforts to bring safety to their homes.

Heart Monitors: Five years ago we were awarded a grant to receive five heart monitors at a cost of approximately \$75k. There is new technology out on the market and to replace the five units would cost upwards of \$150k. These monitors are critical to our jobs in patient care. Chief Bakken reported the Harrison Foundation is leading a campaign to gather funding to purchase monitors for some of the Kitsap area fire departments including North Mason. We are hopeful that the Foundation can help us with this cost and will keep the Board updated as more information is gathered.

Commissioner McIntosh inquired about the King Vision Laryngoscopes that are now required for use by our Medical Director and that Central Mason is seeking funding for. The Fire Authority received three units last year that were purchased via an Interlocal agreement by the Hospital District.

CMFE/NMRFA Merger Update: There was some discussion about the merger and where we are in the process. It was reviewed that CMFE will go for a 0.50 levy in August and a 0.50 levy in November. If the levy does not pass it would be catastrophic and would result in 6-8 positions that would have to be laid off. This would affect us as well as we believe Station 51 in Allyn would be closed.

Staffing Grievance: Chief Bakken reported Labor Management is meeting next Tuesday.

CAC Meeting: Our next meeting is set to occur on the 2nd Monday in June on the 8th. Commissioner Quigley has been working with Executive Assistant Patti to update the email list. Admin Asst. Criess will be the keeper of the list. We are under the impression that CMFE is also creating a list of citizens interested in receiving updates.

Good of the Order: Commissioner McIntosh announced in 2016 she will be running for County Commissioner representing the north end. She will be filing as an Independent. This is something she has desired for many years and it is a good time for her to take this step. She has filed with the PDC. She is planning on using this year to study the issues and talk to the citizens. The PDC confirmed she can do both roles. She has no intentions of resigning from this Board.

Public Comment: None

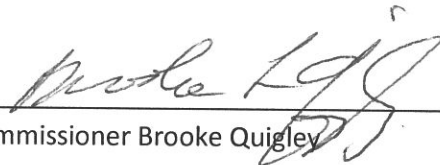
Commissioner Wampold moved to adjourn; Commissioner Quigley seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:52pm.



Authority Secretary Katie Patti



Commissioner Kelley McIntosh



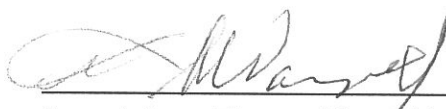
Commissioner Brooke Quigley



Commissioner Bev Voss-Petredis



Commissioner Daniel Kewish



Commissioner Thomas Wampold