



North Mason Fire

NORTH MASON REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY Regular Meeting Minutes: 6/18/2024

Present: Commissioners Paul Severson, John Inch, Kewish, Kelley McIntosh, Dan Kewish, Chief Bakken, Assistant Chief Cooper, and Executive Assistant Katie Musgrave.
Via Zoom Commissioner Bob Miller

Absent: None

Guests: Via Zoom Conferencing: Advisory Member Brooke Quigley

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

FINANCIALS

Financial vouchers were presented and reviewed. Chief Bakken highlighted that two vouchers were related to the remodel of Station 81, specifically for purchasing supplies required for the project.

Commissioner McIntosh moved to approve Voucher Numbers 240603001 to 240603002 in the amount of \$67,260.00. Commissioner Inch seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

The Seattle Times Article: The Seattle Times featured the North Mason RFA on its front page, following a day spent with the Mobile Integrated Health Program (MIHP) in April. The article spotlighted the MIHP's efforts and shed light on the healthcare access challenges that many communities are grappling with. Chief Bakken mentioned that he has received numerous inquiries from other fire departments who are interested in learning about how our program operates.

MIHP Update: Chief Bakken informed the team that Beth Brown, RN, began her role on Monday and has quickly integrated herself into the team.

Tahuya Community Club: Chief Bakken reported that he and Commissioner Severson attended the Tahuya Community Club potluck, which had an impressive turnout of over 40 people. The atmosphere was positive and enthusiastic, with attendees expressing gratitude for our presence. The main topic of interest was the MIHP (Mobile Integrated Healthcare Program), and everyone eagerly anticipates Tahuya Day.

Safety Days: Chief Bakken reported that we successfully concluded the 27th Annual Safety Days events with Belfair and Sand Hill Elementary Schools, marking our best year yet. The event successfully provided safety education to nearly 1,100 elementary students. Commissioner Inch and his wife Robin generously served BBQ for two of the four days, for which we are grateful. We had an outstanding turnout of community volunteers, including the North Mason Teen Center, Mason County Public Health, Mason Transit Authority, Mason County Sheriff's Office, Catholic Community Services, PUD 3, Mason County Search & Rescue, Navy Region Northwest Fire & Emergency Services, McLendon's Hardware, Casey's Bar & Grille, Virginia Mason Franciscan Health, QFC, Starbucks, North Mason Firefighters Association, and IAFF Local 3876. Again, thanks to Abe Gardner for coordinating this fantastic event and to all of the Authority's career, admin, and volunteer staff who supported the event.

CMFE and MCFD3 Merger: Effective July 1, Mason County Fire District 3 will merge with Central Mason Fire & EMS. Staffing will remain unchanged for the time being. We will maintain our current Mutual Aid agreements and aim to continue these partnerships in the future.

Bakken Summer Vacation Leave: Chief Bakken shared that he will be taking his summer vacation with his family from late June through early July. They are looking forward to spending time in Idaho.

MACECOM Hiring Update: Chief Bakken shared that MACECOM is facing challenges while awaiting its new administration and executive director. It is currently operating with six dispatchers. Chief Bakken noted that he has requested their commissioners communicate their status to the agencies they serve.

BEV Wendell Passing: Chief Bakken shared with sadness the recent passing of former MCFD2 and NMRFA volunteer and CRT member Bev Wendell. Bev was part of the very first Northshore/Tahuya River Valley CRT group, joining us in the late '90s, and he was an exceptionally dedicated and professional member of that team. His efforts during the disastrous flood event of 2007 were nothing short of heroic. Bev will be deeply missed. Services will be held on June 23rd at Christ Lutheran Church in Belfair.

Tahuya Day 2024: Chief Bakken shared that everything is in order for Tahuya Day on July 6th. Commissioner Inch and his wife, Robin, have organized and inventoried the supplies for the event. We are eagerly anticipating another successful event.

2024 Hose Testing Completion: Chief Cooper reported that we have successfully completed our annual hose testing. As expected, some hose was lost during the process. A special thanks to

Commissioner Inch and Volunteer Langhorn for the transportation of the entire fleet of engines to Station 21 over the four-day event.

NEW BUSINESS

Mason County Fire Dist 12: Chief Bakken shared that Mason County Fire District 12 has new commissioners and has regained control of their district.

Mason County Hospital Dist 2: Chief Bakken shared that Mason County Health District #2 and the Authority have a contract in progress that will allow MCHD #2 access to a workspace at Station 21.

Lea Sullivan Departure: Mental health provider Lea Sullivan will be departing from the Authority in mid-July. She will continue working with the Authority to deliver the Refresh & Renew Chaplain retreat in November. Lea is actively working to connect us with another mental health provider to support crews and staff.

OLD BUSINESS

Fire Levy Update: The restoration levy campaign, which includes signage, social media outreach, and mailers, is scheduled to be sent out during the second week of July. Authority members will be out and about in July, speaking with community members and HOAs.

Pancake Trailer: Chief Cooper mentioned that we are exploring an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with Central Mason to utilize their event trailer. More details will follow on this matter.

Public Comment:

None

GOOD OF THE ORDER:


Commissioner McIntosh expressed that her grandson, Caden, thoroughly enjoyed Safety Days and had a fantastic time being "Sparky." She extended her gratitude for the experience.

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With no further business, Commissioner McIntosh moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Inch seconded the motion.

With no further business, Commissioner Severson adjourned the meeting at 6:01 pm.



Authority Secretary Katie Musgrave



Commissioner Paul Severson



Commissioner Kelley McIntosh



Commissioner Bob Miller



Commissioner Dan Kewish



Commissioner John Inch