



**WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO.14
COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
July 7, 2015**

PRESENT: Commissioner RobRoy Graham, Commissioner Leonard Bjornstad, District Chief Jerry DeBruin, Battalion Chief Jay Van Middendorp, Battalion Chief Denise Christensen, Training Division Lieutenant David Moe and District Administrator Jo Olson.

ABSENT: Commissioner Larry Moore and Battalion Chief Frank Cain Jr.

GUESTS:

Meeting called to order at 5:22 PM at Kendall Fire Station.

Items signed by the Commissioners:

- Regular meeting minutes read and approved
- Vouchers
- Increase of Real Property Tax Levy, Resolution 2015-03
- Fire Enrollment Form
- Warrants in the amount of \$155,526.08
- Payroll in the amount of \$20,278.68

Hand Outs:

- Monthly Incident Report
- Levy Information Forms for Commissioners

Correspondence:

- New Legislation For/Against Committees

June's Treasurer's Report:

- No Report available for meeting

Bank of the Pacific Statement:

- No Report available for meeting

Old Business:

New Tender (replacement for T92-02):

- Training Division Lieutenant Moe presented pictures of the new tender's progression
- District Chief DeBruin indicated delivery will be July 17, 2015 and Training Division Lieutenant Moe will be flying out next Thursday and driving it back

T93-02 (army truck):

- Commissioner Graham indicated everyone liked driving the tender

Levy Lid Discussion:

- Division Lieutenant Moe indicated the District Newsletter was mailed out within our district
- Discussion continued on the District Newsletter and the new Fire Protection Rating change, which helps set insurance rates charged to customers
- Commissioner Bjornstad shared some community feedback he had received
- District Chief DeBruin would like to start having more community meetings in early fall as well as updating our PowerPoint Presentation

Payroll:

- Commissioner Graham asked how training for payroll was going
- District Administrator Olson indicated still trying to get a hold of Glacier
- Discussion continued on payroll

Training Division Lieutenant David Moe:

Foam Training Class:

- Training Division Lieutenant Moe indicated the Foam Training class went well

Recruit Academy Training:

- Training Division Lieutenant Moe pointed out no one in the district has expressed interest in the Recruit Academy

EMT Class:

- Training Division Lieutenant Moe indicated a fall and spring class will be offered

Upcoming District Training:

- Training Division Lieutenant Moe indicated next week we have the Driving Simulator and we will be getting signups for that
- District Chief DeBruin indicated that we really want to get our new volunteers signed up for that course
- Training Division Lieutenant Moe said later this month we will have the Whidbey Naval Air Station helicopter out here for training

Community Education:

- Training Division Lieutenant Moe indicated they have been doing fire safety training at the Resource Center for Children

Drone Pictures of Sumas' Engines at Parade

- Training Division Lieutenant Moe showed pictures taken by a drone of the Sumas Engine spraying water

District Chief Jerry DeBruin:

Meetings:

- District Chief DeBruin indicated he will be attending some meetings where he will be talking about our Levy lid

Heat Pump:

- District Chief DeBruin indicated the district has an opportunity to purchase a heat pump

Capital Facility Meeting:

- District Chief DeBruin spoke about the upcoming Capital Facility Meeting and asked Commissioner Graham to attend if he is available

Smoke Alarms:

- District Chief DeBruin indicated they teamed up with Kelley Insurance and the Red Cross and installed smoke alarms for the community which were donated by the Red Cross

Community Emergency Response Team:

Space for Emergency Supplies:

- District Chief DeBruin indicated the possibility of providing space for emergency supplies if we add on to the Kendall Station

Amateur radio ("ham" radio):

- District Chief DeBruin spoke about the importance of having this ability to communicate during an emergency where our usual communication sources might not be available
- Conversation continued on the importance of being able to help out during an emergency such as a natural disaster etc.

Fire Station Reports:

- Station 1, Sumas Battalion Chief Jay Van Middendorp
 - Battalion Chief Van Middendorp indicated all is well at Sumas
 - Battalion Chief Van Middendorp had to put a new starter in A91 and a new battery in A91-02
 - Battalion Chief Van Middendorp says training is going pretty well, a couple issues with a few not showing up
 - Battalion Chief Van Middendorp indicated volunteer response going great
- Station 2, Kendall Battalion Chief Frank Cain Jr.
 - No Report as Battalion Chief Frank Cain Jr. was absent from meeting
- Station 3, Welcome Battalion Chief Denise Christensen
 - Battalion Chief Christensen indicated all is going well at Welcome and how impressed she is with the new volunteers and noted some of the more seasoned volunteers have set the bar high for the new volunteers
 - Training Division Lieutenant Moe and District Chief DeBruin agree the volunteers have been really doing great
 - Training Division Lieutenant Moe did some weed whacking at the Welcome Station

New Business:

Resolution No. 2015-03, Increase of Real Property Tax Levy:

- Motion was made by Commissioner Graham to submit this Resolution to increase the Levy Lid as written increasing the Levy Lid Tax from \$.84 to \$1.30, dependant on the below
- Resolution to be reviewed and approved by Chmelik, Sitkin & Davis, attorneys for Fire District 14 and a special meeting will be called if necessary, dependent upon findings from the attorney
- Add addition of sentences on Section 1, page 1 to page 3, Proposition No. 1.
- Commissioner Moore will be given a chance to review and sign Resolution as well
- Motion to submit Resolution 2015-03 was seconded by Commissioner Bjornstad

Regular Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM

The next regular meeting has been tentatively set for August 11, 2015 at 5:00 PM and will be held at the Kendall Station

COMMISSIONER-CHAIR---Larry Moore

COMMISSIONER---RobRoy Graham

COMMISSIONER---Leonard Bjornstad

DISTRICT ADMIN---Jo Olson