



FIRE DISTRICT 6

Serving Castle Rock and Northern Cowlitz County

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February 13, 2023

Regular Board Meeting

Commissioner's present:

Justin Stennick
Mike Kayser
Mark Watenpaugh

Others present:

Chief Bill LeMonds	Kirk Huhta
Secretary Abbey LaBerge	Andrew Schneider
Asst. Chief Andy Ogden	Kyle McCoy
Brandon Poff	Stacie Poff

Regular Board Meeting called to order by Commissioner Stennick @ 5:30 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Consent Agenda: **Commissioner Watenpaugh made the motion to approve the following items as presented on the Consent Agenda. Motion seconded by Commissioner Kayser. Motion carried.**

- A. Minutes from the December 12, 2022 Regular Board Meeting.
- B. Payment of Payroll and Vouchers:
 - i. Payroll - \$67,415.47
 - ii. Vouchers - \$138,762.05
 - iii. Total - \$206,177.52

Chief Report:

- The new ambulance is in the process of getting fully stocked and should be in service by the end of the month or beginning of March.
- Chief LeMonds and Asst. Chief Ogden have been attending meetings regarding the bridge project which is scheduled to begin the end of the month. It has been estimated that it will take 240 working days to complete the project with at least 4 full bridge closures.
- 911 center update on board members and the new building.
- Chief LeMonds and Chief Worley met with the 911 director to go over any problems they were having.
- Chief LeMonds attended the Cowlitz Flood Hazard meeting.
- There were 3 interviews for the open FF/Paramedic position, Melissa Baker was offered the job and she accepted. She will begin March 1, 2023.
- County mutual aid meeting update.
- The District held extrication drill at the new Gassman Rd. site.
- The Awards Banquet will be held on March 11th.
- The budget for the end of 2022 showed \$458,000 more in revenue than what was budgeted and we were \$97,478 under budgeted expenses.

Old Business:

- A. Assistant Chief Position – **Commissioner Watenpaugh made the motion change the Assistant Chief position from a volunteer stipend position to a full-time paid position. Commissioner Kayser seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
- B. Office Remodel – The bid paperwork was advertised in The Daily News, walk throughs for potential bids will be 2/21 and all bids are due 3/3.

New Business:

- A. Union contract discussion – The Union presented the Board a request to open up the contract to discuss a wage increase. The Board requested the Union submit a new request with updated wording.
- B. Commissioner Watenpaugh requested an executive session to discuss the section of the contract the Union wants to open. Executive session began at 6:05 and ended at 6:20. Regular meeting continued.

Commissioners Report:

- A. Commissioner Kayser – FOA will be at Station 61 on 2/23/23
- B. Commissioner Watenpaugh – Review of January calls
- C. Commissioner Stennick – none

Good of the Order:

With no further business, **Commissioner Kayser made the motion to adjourn the February 13, 2023 Regular Board Meeting. Commissioner Watenpaugh seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned @ 6:27 p.m.