

FIRE DISTRICT 38
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES- VIRTUAL
June 15, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Fire District 38 Commissioners was held at 1600 hrs. on Monday, June 15, 2020. The meeting was held as a virtual meeting. In attendance were:

Chairman Ron Pedee
Commissioner Chris Dahline
Commissioner Matt Talbot
EFR Fire Chief Jeff Clark
Secretary Trina Wilson

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pedee at 1603 hrs. Chairman Pedee made a motion to accept the April 15, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Dahline seconded. Motion carried. Chairman Pedee made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and the April Blanket Voucher with vouchers 6632-6638 totaling \$149,079.80, the May Blanket Voucher with vouchers 6639-6645 totaling \$158,741.16, and the June Blanket Voucher with vouchers 6646-6650 totaling \$147,294.29. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Governance Discussions- Chief Clark advised this was in a holding pattern until in-person meetings could resume. Attorney Brian Snure reviewed the documents and there were no issues. It is undetermined at this time when "regular" meetings can start again. Chief Clark advised the King County Health Department was meeting today to review the situation and we will have to wait for the public meeting with the Governor.

Commissioner Dahline asked about the possibility of charging for Motor Vehicle Accidents in the future since there is some new documentation. Chief reported he still has issues with the company but the issue will go before the FAC committee for recommendations. After recommendations are made it would go before the Board but even if implemented it would not happen before 2021. Part of the adjustments is the use of an app on site. Chief Clark stated he does not see the crews having the time to do this so he is not confident this would become a practice.

NEW BUSINESS-

Station 87 Conference Room- Chairman Pedee asked if the District was being encouraged not to meet at Station 87? Chief Clark advised at the beginning of the epidemic he decided there would be no public activities at any of the stations for the rest of the year. Any meetings could be held at Headquarters instead. Chairman Pedee stated he saw the Commissioners and Secretary as a little different than the general public. Obviously we would not be interested in doing anything that would endanger a firefighter. However it did seem if the firefighters did not attend our meetings and remained out of the room for a while after we left the risk would be minimal. Chief Clark then advised if the public attended there would not be enough room for the guests. He also advised it would be inconsistent with the EFR policy. Commissioner Dahline advised Phase 3 will be 50 people. With our meetings being open public meetings, we will probably be meeting virtually until we are in stage 3. Chairman Pedee then advised at that time he would like to revisit this issue.

EF&R Board- Commissioner Dahline stated most items are tabled with the exception of the Budget. There is not a huge increase proposed. The Chief also sent out a letter addressing racial injustice. The meeting adjourned into an Executive Session.

NB Safety Committee- There was a protest in North Bend that initially was not communicated to EF&R by the Snoqualmie Police Department. Once advised EF&R sent additional units to North Bend. The protest was well-mannered but there was a structure fire nearby which EF&R responded to.

CHIEFS REPORT-

Chief Clark reported EF&R was contacted today regarding PFAS and if they were able to respond by the afternoon there could possibly be an extra \$750,000 for the project. The Awards Banquet has been postponed. There are three firefighters retiring at the end of the month. EF&R will continue to work on the budget and the contracts with the three work groups. Pacific NW has requested to install a seismic meter inside the station if it is approved by District 38 and the City of North Bend. The Commissioners all agreed the seismic meter was fine. Then Chairman Pedee asked how many cases of Covid-19 have there been at EF&R. There have been none. There are currently three recruits in the Zone Three Academy. They will be finished around the last week of June

GOOD OF THE ORDER-

The Secretary advised she needed the Commissioners to submit their quarterly meetings the first week of July. The FAC meeting will be this Wednesday, June 17 from 1300- 1500.

The next meeting will be held virtually on July 13th. The meeting was adjourned at 165 hrs.

Chairman Ron Pedee

Secretary Trina Wilson

Commissioner Matt Talbot

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