COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES

August 2, 2023

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

1. Baneta (Bonnie) Sheffler, Chairman
2. Steven A. Brown, Commissioner
3. Gary Frisque, Commissioner

**STAFF, FIREFIGHTERS AND GUESTS PRESENT**

1. Star Orman, Secretary to the Board of Commissioners
2. Robert Webber, Fire Chief
3. Caleb Barnett, Resident Firefighter / EMT
4. Adam Micone, Capt. Training officer

Chairman Sheffler called the meeting to order at 18:00; Commissioner Brown led us in the pledge of allegiance, and Commissioner Frisque led us in Prayer.

**Consent Agenda**

* Approve Meeting Minutes – July 26th, 2023.
* Deposits: $2,450.12
  + EFT- $436.85, $2,013.27
* Vouchers: 8484 – 8488
  + General Fund – $2,424.21

**COMMISSIONER BROWN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, COMMISSIONER FRISQUE SECONDED, AND CHAIRMAN SHEFFLER CONCURRED.**

**CORRESPONDENSE – See Attached**

* None

**CHIEF’S REPORT – See Attached**

* We provided mutual aid to West Pend Oreille Fire in Oldtown for a commercial structure fire at Tri Pro. We were there for about 5 hours.
* Ladder 42 – has been moved to station 41 and striped. I will be putting it up for auction within the week. I will also be putting up the ambulance at station 42 for auction locally as well. The plan is to put a reserve on the posting for $4,000, unless the board thinks if its too low, Chief is also in communication with some people to see if someone will bid on it for the motor. Chief talked about wanting to hold onto E49 for some time to see if we need the motor for a truck, he will talk to JMAC about the truck they have sitting out.
* M43 fuel leak was inspected by Ray Hanson yesterday. He found the fuel leak, but he also found an air intake housing that was broken on the turbo side of the housing, which was allowing for unfiltered air to be blown into the manifold under pressure from the turbo. Parts have been ordered as of today. We might end up having to order fan but we are hoping we don’t have too yet.
* M42 is still out of service, and will be seen by the mechanic this week, hopefully tomorrow.
* Adam and Connor were able to find the part needed for E45 in Oregon. It has been ordered and is on its way.
* I bought wildland firefighting goggles for our people. The goggles have vents on the side that allow for closing when too much smoke is being blown into your face, it also allows for the vents to be opened to allow for airflow.
* ID card maker update – close but not there yet.
* We participated in Newport’s “National Night Out”. We set up Engine 11, Brush 11, Command 42 and Medic 41 for display, and contacted approximately 60 citizens if not more. We showed the apparatus capabilities, talked about fire safety, and of course, recruited.
* Station 42 grounds have been attended to, and look amazing. Caleb and Connor did the majority of that work.

**UNFINSHED BUSSINESS**

* EMS and Newport update – It does not appear that our levy is going to pass, but there is a very small chance that it will still. There is no new news from Newport. I will now start talks with the hospital and see if I can position FD4 to be the sole provider of ALS transfer services for them when POEMS closes its doors. If I can manage to secure that, it should be able to position us well to be able to move forward with ALS operations, and provide a significant monetary foundation for sustainable services moving forward. There is still a push to add an additional ALS license for the County of Pend Oreille. Further discussion took place regarding trying to provide ALS services.
* Computer security – Xbabylon is working on putting together a different package for us to consider.
* Chief has not found any better deals on life insurance.

**NEW BUSSINESS**

* Limited Term applicant Tyler Flemming update, he passed his pack test, has his physical tomorrow, and hoping to have him start Friday for his training.
* BVFF claim for Carolyn Holmes.

**OPEN SESSION**

* Commissioner Brown asked chief what his plan was if the Levy doesn’t pass. Chief informed he is going to call Snure, also asking Merkle Standard if they would support us. At this point he isn’t sure what the steps are of the Levy doesn’t pass.

**MEETING ADJOURENED**

As there was no further business before the Board, Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 18:42 pm.

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Gary Frisque, Commissioner

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Baneta D. Sheffler, Chairman

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Steven A. Brown, Commissioner

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Star S. Orman,

Secretary to the board of Commissioners