

SKAGIT COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 17

(Minutes pending approval)

February 11, 2014

The **Regular Fire Commissioners** meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Commissioner Chip Bogosian, Chairman.

Present: Commissioners Bogosian and Bear, Assistant Chief G. Francis, Captain Pyke, Public Information Officer L. Francis, Medical Officer White, and Secretary Meekins.

Guests: Edith Walden.

The **minutes of January 14, 2013** were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report:

Ending January Operating Fund balance \$42,627.70 Ending January Investment Fund balance \$76,236.16. Total bills \$10,421.23. Payroll of \$1,718.00. For a grand total \$12,139.23 in expenses.

Open:

Edith inquired, for an upcoming Guemes Tide article, how many drug related calls were placed in 2013. There was much discussion regarding the confidentiality of calls on the Island and whether this is information that should be obtained through a Public Records Request. Chip said he will look into it.

Edith wants to write an article for the Guemes Tide about the new rescue boat. There was wide approval of such an article, but Edith was asked to wait, as the boat is not ready for service quite yet.

Lorraine announced that the GIFD Holiday dinner will be held on December 6, 2014 at the Guemes Church.

Chief's Report:

See attached. The total number of 2013 responses is not correct. Mike Stamper said he will correct the number.

Old Business:

Chip asked if Bill King had provided the **incident report forms** that he had promised and whether they were being used? Gerry said that the form previously developed by the department will be used. But the procedure is not yet in place.

Skagit Fire 17 won the bid (\$5,000) for the **rescue boat** being surplus by Camano Fire Department. The boat has been moved to Guemes Island and is being prepared for service. Chip asked that the old vessel be sold by end of the summer.

Gerry said we should hear some good news soon about acquiring the surplus **pumper truck** from Anacortes. If/when we buy the new pumper truck, our old pumper truck #1712 is too old to sell. Contacts are in place to donate the truck to someone who will deliver it to a fire department in Mexico.

New Business:

Deb Bear and Tom Fouts were asked by the San Juan Preservation Trust to place a rock next to the damaged bike rack at the base the mountain trail. It is very close to the roadway. The Trust has been notified of the proximity of the rock to the roadway. Caution should be exercised when driving in that area.

Jodi was sent a form from the Board of Volunteer Fire fighters to note whether or not firefighters meet the **2013 pension requirements**. She asked if the department had documented requirements? Deb said no, we follow the State requirements as set forth in WAC 491-03-030. There was much discussion regarding whether or not everyone in the department meet those requirements. Nancy texted Chief Stamper to ask him. He was not available. The discussion was tabled until next month.

Gerry presented information about buying a **metal car port** to house the new rescue boat. The commissioners gave him approval to proceed with the purchase after getting the specs and price for a car port with a 12' wide door and a 14' wide building which would provide more maneuvering room when housing and maintaining the boat. Gerry will get the new information and call the commissioners.

The commissioners reviewed the invoices from January 11, 2014 to February 7, 2014 and approved the invoices in the amount of \$10,421.23 and payroll of \$1,718.00 for a Grand total of \$12,139.23.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM. The next regular meeting will be March 11, 2014, at 7 PM in the Fire Hall.

Submitted by
Jodi Meekins, Secretary

Commissioner Chip Bogosian, Chairman