

SKAGIT COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 17
(Minutes pending approval)

March 10, 2014

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

Present: Commissioners Bogosian, Murphy and Bear, Chief Stamper, Assistant Chief G. Francis, Public Information Officer L. Francis, and Secretary Meekins.

Guests: Edith Walden.

The **minutes of February 11, 2014** were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Ending February Operating Fund balance \$25,781.25 Ending February Investment Fund balance \$76,242.99. Total bills \$9,360.24 (including \$5,425 for the new Pumper Truck). Payroll of \$1,628.00. For a grand total \$10,988.24 in expenses.

Open: **Edith** asked when the Guemes Tide could publish photos and an article about the new Rescue Boat and the new Pumper Truck? The boat is not yet ready, however, the Pumper will be ready in a few days. Tom Murphy asked that Edith publish photos and an article about the Pumper in the next edition of the Guemes Tide and note that the boat has been purchased and will be presented in the near future.

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

Chief's Report: Due to the power outage (before and during this meeting), Mike was unable to complete and print the Chief's Report. It will be available when the power is restored. Mike stated that it is time to begin looking for a **larger building to house equipment**. The new Pumper barely fits into the current bay. Mike also noted that it will cost \$3k to \$4k to outfit the new **Pumper with 4" hose** that is needed to provide mutual support in Anacortes.

Old Business: Gerry placed the order for a **carport to house the Rescue Boat**. After the last meeting Gerry was tasked with trying to order a larger building than previously presented so that the door was larger making it easier to get the boat inside. However, upon further research, a larger building has the same size door. Therefore, Gerry was authorized to order the enclosure that he presented at the February meeting for a cost of \$3,460. It has been ordered and should arrive soon.

Pension certification for 2013 was given to Mike to file with the BVFF. The 2014 Pension & Disability has already been paid. One of the firefighters did not meet minimum pension requirements in 2013. This will result in a credit to our BVFF account. Deb expressed concern at the current process of paying before we know if everyone has qualified.

There have been an **elevated number of Fire Department emergency calls** recently. Tom asked if there is a pattern to the increase? Mike said that in past years there have been even more calls. There does not seem to be a pattern to the current increase.

Resolution #329 Truck Purchase. Purchase a 1990 Seagrave Fire Truck from the City of Anacortes for \$5,000 (plus tax).

Resolution #330 Authorize and Purchase of Boat. Purchase 19' Apex boat with Yamaha motor from Camano Island Fire Department for \$5,000.

A **Budget meeting** will not be scheduled until later in the year.

New Business: **Jodi notified the Commissioners that her Notary is expiring in May.** She is not intending to incur the expense to continue it. The Commissioners see value in this service and voted to pay the expenses for her to continue to Notarize the District's documents. The costs are expected to be around \$200.

In addition to the 2013 Pension certification, the BVFF asked for the **final separation dates** for several firefighters. Jodi gave this list to Mike to complete.

Deb asked if the **2014 Trauma Grant application** has been received? It has not. Mike stated that it would be completed when it arrives.

Deb asked if the **Amendment for the West Side Radio Project** has been sent to Skagit 911? Jodi said it was sent on January 17th.

Lorraine stated that the manager of Frontier Ford has expressed interest in **purchasing the old pumper truck**. This avenue will be explored before the truck is donated.

Daniel Burnett and Wesley Bone have joined the Fire Department! Wesley will be a Junior Firefighter. Edith will write a profile on each for the Guemes Tide. Chip will send them a welcome letter.

The commissioners reviewed the invoices from February 8 to March 7, 2014 and approved the invoices in the amount of \$9,360.24 and payroll of \$1,628.00 for a Grand total of \$10,988.24.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM. The next regular meeting will be April 8, 2014, at 7 PM in the Fire Hall.

Submitted by
Jodi Meekins, Secretary

Commissioner Chip Bogosian, Chairman