

**SKAGIT COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 17**  
(Minutes pending approval)

**April 7, 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, Medical Officer N. White, Public Information Officer L. Francis, Daniel Burnett and Secretary Meekins.

**Guests:** Edith Walden and Rob Schroeder.

The **minutes of March 10, 2014** were approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Ending March Operating Fund balance \$30,709.39 Ending March Investment Fund balance \$76,248.83. Total bills \$10,770.17 (including \$3,541.56 for the new metal carport). Payroll of \$1,728.00. For a grand total \$12,489.17 in expenses.

**Open:**

**Edith** will interview Wesley Bone for the next issue of the Guemes Tide.

**Larry** noted that the Meeting minutes were not being posted, promptly, on the Fire Dept. website. Mike said he would take care of it.

**Chief's Report:**

The Chief did not present the written Chief's report for either February or March. He is working to move the reports to a new software program. He said he would present the first three months in the new format at the next meeting. He presented three potential report formats for input.

**Old Business:**

**Resolution #331 Authorization and Purchase of Metal Carport**, was signed by Commissioners Bogosian and Bear. They were present when the approval was granted in February.

Chip asked Mike when we could schedule a **2014 Budget Meeting**? Mike said he would send out possible dates for a meeting in May.

The new **Trauma Grant** has been received, completed and submitted by Nancy.

Chip asked when the **old Pumper** would be ready to sell or surplus? Mike said he would contact Frontier Ford this week to assess their interest. If they are interested, a bidding process will have to be opened. If they are not interested, then Mike supports donating the Pumper to an organization who will deliver it to a needy department in Mexico.

**New Business:**

Mike invited everyone in attendance to come to Soup Supper on April 8<sup>th</sup> where he will be presenting the program for the night. He will talk about the Red Cross and the Guemes Fire Department. He noted that he wanted to plant the seed for supporting a new Fire Station. Tom asked him to hold off the talk of a **new Fire Station** until the reasoning had first been presented to the Commissioners. Since this would be a great expense to the District, he wants to make sure that the Commissioners are prepared to answer questions and concerns.

**Rob Schroeder**, representing CERT, asked permission for CERT to install an antenna on the same fitting as the siren. It would not interfere with the operation of the emergency siren. The Commissioners voted, unanimously to allow the antenna. Additionally, Rob asked permission to swap out the old CERT radio located at the Fire Hall with a new one. It was noted that the radio belonged to CERT and they did not need to ask permission to exchange it.

Nancy is organizing a **public CPR** class on May 31<sup>st</sup> at the Church. The time will be announced in the near future. Mike stated that if she did not get enough people enrolled to meet the minimum required to present the class that he could fill the class with contacts through the Red Cross.

Nancy also announced that there will be an **Open House** at the Fire Hall on May 24<sup>th</sup> during the hours of 10am-2pm.

Tom noted that the date for the May meeting, listed on the agenda, is a Monday. Discussion ensued about changing the meeting time. The Commissioners voted, unanimously, to change the regular monthly Commissioner's Meetings to the **second Monday of every month at 7pm.**

The commissioners reviewed the invoices from March 8 – April 4, 2014 and approved the invoices in the amount of \$10,770.17 and payroll of \$1,728.00 for a Grand total of \$12,498.17.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM. The next regular meeting will be May 12, 2014, at 7 PM in the Fire Hall.

Submitted by  
Jodi Meekins, Secretary

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Commissioner Chip Bogosian, Chairman