

**SKAGIT COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 17**  
(Minutes Pending Approval)

**June 11, 2013**

The **Regular Fire Commissioners** meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Commissioner Tom Murphy, Acting Chairman.

Present: Commissioners Murphy and Bear, Chief Stamper, Assistant Chief Francis, Captain Pyke, Mechanic Snell, Lieutenant Fouts, Public Information Officer Francis, Secretary Pellett and Assistant Secretary Meekins.

Guest: Edith Walden.

The minutes of May 14, 2013 were approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report.** Operating Fund balance \$53,387.86. Investment fund balance \$76,164.12. Total bills \$6,042.10. Salaries \$2,441.33. Grand total \$8,483.43.

**Open:** None

**Chief's Report:** See attached. Assistant Chief Francis also gave a report of the department's demonstration at the soup supper of the procedure that takes place when the department receives a 911 call. It was received very well. Chief Stamper advised he would put in the AFG grant application this year for personal protection equipment. Gerry and Mike will work up a list. Chief Stamper advised 1712 has a leak and it is expensive to pull the transmission and repack. It is considered a borderline truck. It will be alright as long as it isn't the first responder. Chief Stamper and Lieutenant Fouts discussed the problems with the portables. The mobiles are fine. Tom has talked with NW Communications and more repeaters are needed if we want radios to improve. The department will begin documenting each time there is a problem/lack of being able to communicate. Bids are going out to three companies for programing the new radios when they come.

**Old Business:** There was discussion regarding the fire truck Anacortes fire is going to surplus. Would our department consider a lease/buy agreement. Commissioner Murphy indicated more information is needed before making that decision. What would the agreement look like? Who would pay the insurance? Chief Stamper to follow up regarding all questions brought up.

**New Business:** Carol brought up the fact that the employment applications are not being signed and dated by the commissioners. This is the only way the Board for Volunteer Firefighters has of determining the starting date to compute the pension. Mike said he would take care of that. Commissioner Bear brought up the idea of Twitter for the department. She learned at a seminar she attended that it is being used a lot. The younger generation pays attention to that kind of thing. There was much discussion regarding it, no decision until liability issues clear, policy written and reviewed by an attorney. There was more discussion and it will be discussed again when more information has been given to everyone.

**Resolution 316** – Appoint Jodi Meekins Assistant Secretary was unanimously approved at \$418. per month. Approval of Qi Lou had not been formally done, so a unanimous vote approved her as firefighter beginning March 14, 2013.

The commissioners reviewed the invoices from May 14, 2013 to June 11, 2013 and approved the invoices in the amount of \$6,042.10 and salaries of \$2,441.33. Grand total \$8,483.43.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM with the reminder that meetings will be starting at 7:00 PM henceforth.

The next Regular meeting will be July 9, 2013 at 7 PM in the Fire Hall.

Submitted by  
Carol Pellett, Secretary

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Commissioner Tom Murphy for Chip Bogosian, Chairman

