

SKAGIT COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 17
(minutes pending approval)

September 10, 2013

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

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

Guests: Juby Fouts and Edith Walden.

The minutes of August 13, 2013 were approved written.

Treasurer's Report: Operating Fund balance \$30,456.50. Investment Fund balance \$76,198.76. Total bills \$2,265.46. Salaries \$2,037.16. Grand total \$4,302.62 in expenses.

Open: None

Chief's Report: See attached. The Chief's Report was presented by Assistant Chief Gerry Francis in Chief Stamper's absence.

Old Business: Resolution #320 establishes the Surplus List. It was approved as written and signed by the Commissioners.

Recruitment and retention of Fire Department personnel was discussed. Suggestions and ideas were given by many in attendance. Ideas included: establish a social media presence, invite potential volunteers to Open House events, design and distribute a flyer listing the benefits of being a volunteer with the Fire Department and support for families while new volunteers attend the academy for training. The department will establish a list of potential volunteers and present the list at the regular October meeting.

There was a decision that now is the time to establish a social media presence. Again, Olivia Snell expressed interest in becoming the Social Media Administrator. Due to the absence of Chief Stamper, the exact details were put on hold until the regular October meeting when Chief Stamper can participate in the discussion.

New Business: Resolution #321 allows the Firefighters Association to use Skagit Fire District #17 Public buildings and facilities for their meetings and fundraising events. The Resolution was established to comply with RCW 42.52.160 which, in part, states that no state officer (the Fire Commissioners) may use any property (the Fire Department buildings and property) under their control or direction for the private benefit or gain of others (the Firefighters Association). The Resolution was approved with changes and signed by the Commissioners.

A potluck dinner was planned for October 4th to celebrate Carol Pellett's retirement from the Department after nearly 17 years and recognize 25 years of service by Bob White.

The commissioners reviewed the invoices from August 13, 2013 to September 9, 2013 and approved the invoices in the amount of \$2,265.46 and salaries of \$2,037.16. Grand total \$4,302.62.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM. The next regular meeting will be October 8, 2013, at 7 PM in the Fire Hall.

Submitted by
Jodi Meekins, Secretary

Commissioner Chip Bogosian, Chairman