

OKANOGAN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #6
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
January 9, 2017

PRESENT: Commissioner Les Stokes, Commissioner Jerry Palm, Commissioner Darold Brandenburg, Interim Chief Cody Acord, Secretary Mark Crum, other people attending include: Jesse Fuller, Rusty Stamps, Paul and Emily Sisson, Keith Comstock, Mike Port, Ross Darling, Brian Colin, Larry Smith, Rick Nordby, Charles Hammer, Trent Whatley, Brian McAuliffe, Jesse Schultz. Methow Valley News: Anne McCreary.
The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

MINUTES of the regular meeting, December 12, 2016 regular meeting minutes, Commissioner Brandenburg made motion to approve minutes from December 12th Meeting, Commissioner Stokes seconded, all were in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Commissioner's reviewed the treasurer's report from December and approved. The ending balance was \$464,713.55 fund balance December. Commissioner Stokes made a motion that the December treasurer's reports be accepted and Commissioner Brandenburg seconded, all were in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Commissioner Brandenburg (with regards to Newby Creek structure fire) brought up a comment about housing developments that only have one road in and out. Recommended that maybe the USFS would give additional easements for egress. Interim Chief Acord said that the county commissioners can adopt policy that new build sites should have to provide some sort of fire plan. Ross Darling commented that part of that comes on the land/home owners, and they should know better when living in and near the forest. Mike Port said that it's more of a planning issue, and the County has been working on a new plan for years, and maybe the Fire District can offer input.

John Owen presented the board of commissioners with new gavel, made by Winthrop Firefighter Trent Whatley.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Town of Winthrop Annexation:

Interim Chief Acord has been working on info sheet for Prop 1 (Town Annexation)

Brush Trucks:

Interim Chief Acord presented specs from General Fire for brush truck, cost as proposed \$180,000, he is working to get a lower cost truck. Commissioners have set of specs and will redline with their opinions.

State Auditor Report:

Commissioner Palm discussed meeting with the auditor. Auditor requested changes: comp time accruals, didn't have policy for compensatory time accrual, district structured work schedule knowing that additional comp time would be needed, those changes have already been made. Changes include new time tracking software, new policies, re-structured work schedule, fire commissioners monitor comp-time accrual balances monthly and suggested using different ink for logging time.

Community Advisory Committee

Received letters from the following community members showing interest to join CAC:

- Larry Smith – Twisp/Carlton
- Emily Sisson – Winthrop
- Brian Colin – Winthrop
- Paul Sisson – Winthrop
- Don Davidson – Mazama
- Ralph Carlberg – Winthrop
- Alan Fahnestock – Mazama
- Rick Rottman – Winthrop
- Ken Doran – Twisp
- Ross Darling – Twisp
- Mike Port – Twisp

Commissioners discuss selecting CAC members. Selected: Ross Darling, Mike Port, Larry Smith, Brian Colin, Paul Sisson, Ralph Carlberg, Don Davidson, and Alan Fahnestock. Commissioners selected CAC members based on geographical location, and experience, including 2 volunteer firefighters.

CAC will meet Monday the 16th at 7:00 PM. Commissioner Palm will attend first meeting. Criteria for CAC: 4 acres, no imminent domain, price comparable with what district already owns, location, within 1 mile of southern Winthrop Bridge, within town limits. Interim Chief Acord will make agenda for first meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:**FD6 Policies:**

Interim Chief Acord brought up two new policies that need to be approved. Created policy #25 for providing Life Flight Insurance to volunteers. Commissioner Stokes made motion to approve, Commissioner Palm seconded, and all were in favor. Policy #27 for medical, dental and vision benefits. Commissioner Brandenburg made motion to approve, Palm seconded, all were in favor.

Twisp River Fire:

Interim Chief Acord presented DNR/ USFS (The Learning Center) report from the Twisp River Fire. Report mentions training and urban interface engine as causes for saving OCFD6 lives, along with 3 DNR firefighters.

Employee Report:

Monthly accruals for comp, sick, and vacation time reviewed by commissioners.

VOUCHER APPROVAL: The vouchers were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Stokes motioned to approve Vouchers #17-001 through 17-016 in the amount of \$29,014.01 for payroll and taxes which were presented for payment on January 9, 2017, Vouchers #17-017 through 17-044 regular bills in the amount of \$15,574.72, for a total of \$44,588.73 which were presented for payment on January 9th, 2017. Commissioner Brandenburg seconded. Motion approved with all in favor.

The ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Commissioner Jerry Palm

ATTEST:

Mark Crum, Secretary