

OKANOGAN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #6  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
January 8, 2018

PRESENT: Commissioner Les Stokes, Commissioner Jerry Palm, Commissioner Darold Brandenburg, Chief Cody Acord, Secretary Mark Crum, other people attending include: Anne McCreary (MVN), Jesse Fuller, Rusty Stamps, Emily Sisson, Brian McAuliffe. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

MINUTES of the December 11, 2017 regular meeting minutes, , Commissioner Brandenburg made motion to approve minutes from the December 11<sup>th</sup> meetings, 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 \$352,118.88 fund balance November. Commissioner Stokes made a motion that the December treasurer's reports be accepted and Commissioner Brandenburg seconded, all were in favor.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Paul Sisson commented that he noted the website, appendix 24 is out of order, and the cover page is missing. Also needs to update the site with Cody's bio. Sisson also asked commissioners about filling position after Don's vacancy.

**Old Business:**

**Apparatus Update:**

Chief Acord reported that we should be able to look at bids next month for the Rescue/Support Vehicle (February 2018).

**New District Station Property:**

Chief Acord presented the commissioners the westernization code from the Town of Winthrop. The White Ave site will have to comply with Westernization.

Board discusses the Westernization code, and potential implications.

Paul Sisson comments about potential building materials for White Ave site, all 4 sides of building have public access and would have to be "western" thus costing more. But the Town Council could over-ride the westernization code and their decisions. Sisson stated that from word of mouth Val Varney would sell her property to the Fire District for \$345,000.

Chief Acord talked with real estate agent Dave Thomsen. Thomsen spoke with the Town of Winthrop planner. The real estate agent said that the existing property would be worth \$130,000 (as a single residential). Winthrop Planner also stated the districts existing property would only be zoned for 1 house site, and not for commercial, citing the Hurst ruling.

Sisson asked the commissioners if they have considered also purchasing the White Ave as a second property, maybe a land bank?

Commissioner Palm asked Anne McCreary if she could add in the paper the link to our website in her article which includes info about the CAC report so district could get the public comments. The Commissioners also would like to approach Dave Thomsen and ask if he could get something in writing for the board and for an official price for the White Ave property from Val Varney.

Sisson discusses the fact that each site could be limited on expansion. Encourages commissioners to do a complete study on each property to determine potential expansion.

John Owen comments that the purpose of the CAC was to provide information to the commissioners, thus not giving a formal recommendation, contrary to perception of article from the MVN article. Also re-enforced fact that all of the building and training props would be subject to westernization if the location required that code.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Insurance Agency would like to see a resolution stating who their main point of contact is. Resolution 18-01 pursuant to RCW 4.96.020 stated that Chief Acord would be that representative to receive claims.

Commissioner Palm made a motion that the Fire District pass resolution 18-01 citing Chief Acord as the main point of contact. Brandenburg seconded, all were in favor.

### **Chiefs Report:**

#### ***Monthly Accruals***

Int. Chief Acord presented comp time accrual reports for December.

#### **Committees: n/a**

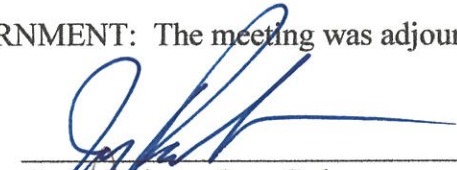
### **Public Comment #2:**

Paul Sisson asks the commissioners about annexation.

Executive Session for 10 minutes to discuss performance of an employee RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). Meeting started at 7:45 and ended at 7:55. No decisions were made during the meeting.

VOUCHER APPROVAL: The vouchers were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Stokes motioned to approve Vouchers #17-551 through 17-564 in the amount of \$26,056.77 for payroll and taxes which were presented for payment on December 18, 2017, Vouchers #18-001 through 18-035 regular bills in the amount of \$16,023.57, for a total of \$42,080.34 which were presented for payment on January 8, 2018. Commissioner Brandenburg seconded. Motion approved with all in favor.

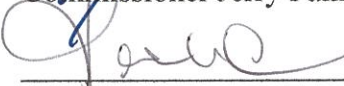
The ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM.



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Commissioner Jerry Palm

ATTEST:



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Mark Crum, Secretary