

OKANOGAN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #6
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
October 10, 2016

PRESENT: Commissioner Les Stokes, Commissioner Darold Brandenburg, Interim Chief Cody Acord, Secretary Mark Crum, old secretary Brian Colin, other people attending include: Jesse Fuller, Rusty Stamps, Brian McAuliffe, Paul and Emily Sisson, Mike Port, Ross Darling, and Keith Comstock.
The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

MINUTES of the regular meeting, September 12, 2016 meeting minutes were reviewed. In addition the special meeting minutes for September 21, 2016 and September 26, 2016. Commissioner Stokes moved that the minutes be accepted as presented. Commissioner Brandenburg seconded. The Minutes were approved with all in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Commissioner's reviewed the treasurer's report from September and approved. The ending balance was \$357,287.60 fund balance September. Commissioner Stokes moved that the September treasurer's reports be accepted and Commissioner Brandenburg seconded. Motion approved with all in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: The district did not receive any correspondence.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Paul Sisson asked about what the question was about contracts at the last meeting. Commissioner Brandenburg gave a brief summary.

Ross Darling asked when the budget hearing was scheduled. He also asked if the preliminary budget would be available prior to the meeting. Interim Chief Acord said that he will do his best to make that available as soon as possible.

Paul Sisson also asked about the new secretary.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Acord introduced the board secretary. He presented Resolution 16-03 to the commissioners hiring Mark Crum as Board Secretary for Okanogan County Fire District 6. Commissioners signed resolution.

The Town of Winthrop contract: Commissioner Brandenburg reviewed the offer to the Town of Winthrop about annexation. The town attorney is reviewing the contract and it will be presented at the next meeting.

The new communication building is in and running. Once they have everything completed it will increase the district's communication abilities and save them money since they will no longer have to have a phone line on Pitcher Mt.

Chief Acord presented the commissioners with numbers about new brush trucks. He estimates that the cost will be between \$160,000 and \$170,000. Commissioner Brandenburg asked about the costs of maintenance verses purchasing new trucks. The trucks have between 130,000 and 150,000 miles on them. Ross Darling asked if any of the parts of the old trucks could be utilized. The pumps are in good shape. The commissioners and the chief discussed the pros and cons of new verses other options to be examined.

Ross Darling asked how many trucks the district is still financing. The district is only financing one truck at this time and that will be done in 2018.

Commissioner Stokes would like the district to look into government programs to buy the body of the truck through the program. Commissioner Brandenburg would like to see the specs before he makes a decision. Commissioners agreed to have Interim Chief Acord incorporate costs for new brush truck in 2017 budget.

FEMA generator grant was approved for the fire district after two years. The funding for the grant has been accepted. There are some preliminary items to get through. The total cost is around \$280,000 and the district's share is around \$33,000. The district will need to get the infrastructure engineered and FEMA will be helping with the process.

The community advisory committee was discussed again. Commissioner Brandenburg feels that everyone is on the same page on the creation of the committee. The district has been making progress on the formation. The district is thinking approximately eight people would be a good number for the committee. The commissioners will discuss doing a work session at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Chief Acord gave the commissioners a new resolution about payroll vouchers. The county auditor had an issue that the district was sending in the vouchers that were not signed. The district had a previous resolution in place that allowed the secretary to send in the vouchers prior to the commissioners sign. The district has a new resolution that will allow the secretary sign and present the vouchers. The commissioners will then review and approve the vouchers at the next meeting. Resolution 16-02 was passed and signed by the Commissioners.

Budget Hearing: It is time for the district to have their annual budget hearing. Commissioner Brandenburg made a motion that the district have a special meeting and public hearing on budget on November 17, 2016 at 7:00 PM. Commissioner Stokes seconded. All were in favor.

Commissioner Stokes would like to volunteer for the fire district. It requires a unanimous vote on by all commissioners and a signed resolution. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Chief Acord presented the commissioners with a monthly summary of employee payroll accruals. The commissioners reviewed.

The commissioners went into an executive session for 15 minutes to address the performance of an employee. They went into session at 7:48 PM. The commissioners returned at 8:03 PM. No decisions were made. They are going to have the district attorney review.

VOUCHER APPROVAL: The vouchers were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Stokes motioned to approve Vouchers #16-375 through 16-390 in the amount of \$27,421.53 for payroll and taxes which were presented for payment on October 1, 2016 and Vouchers #16-391 through 16-413 regular bills in the amount of \$11,793.63 for a total of \$39,215.16 which were presented for payment on October 10, 2016. Commissioner Brandenburg seconded. Motion approved with all in favor.

The ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Commissioner Jerry Palm

ATTEST: _____
Mark Crum, Secretary