

OKANOGAN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #6
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
November 14, 2016

PRESENT: Commissioner Les Stokes, Commissioner Jerry Palm, 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, Keith Comstock, Garrett Stanley, Jim and Jamie Woods, Rick Nordby, Gene Austin, Kevin Standforth, Mike Port, Trent Whatley, Linda Standforth,
The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

MINUTES of the regular meeting, October 10, 2016 meeting minutes were reviewed. Commissioner Palm moved that the minutes be accepted as presented. Commissioner Stokes seconded. The Minutes were approved with all in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Commissioner's reviewed the treasurer's report from October and approved. The ending balance was \$500,932.86 fund balance October. Commissioner Stokes moved that the Octobers treasurer's reports be accepted and Commissioner Palm seconded. Motion approved with all in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: The district did not receive any correspondence.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Paul Sisson asked about the subject of new vehicles. He urged the commissioners to purchase reliable vehicles in the brush truck discussion. Mentioned waiting a year or two if needed, to make sure the district gets reliable vehicles. Paul Sisson also asked if anybody sees a downside to the annexation of Winthrop? He is in favor, lives in Winthrop, and sees no negative. Sisson asked about the current contract with the Town of Winthrop, Int. Chief Acord replied saying \$50,000, if annexed based on assessed value would be roughly \$60,000.

Mike Port comment about annexation, says city residents will be paying additional taxes if annexation happens. Mike Port talks about concern for new fire trucks and the cost, says district could build a cheaper truck.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND CHIEF'S REPORT:

Int. Chief Acord gave report about brush trucks, no new pricing to look at.

The Town of Winthrop contract:

The Town of Winthrop did sign pre-annexation agreement. If board agrees, new resolutions need to be signed. Commissioner Brandenburg has been doing most of the work on that project. Biggest points in agreement is transfer of property, and costs of maintenance. Would be 4-year rent on property, \$10,000 per year, which covers property and building. District would pay utilities, including water and sewer which they aren't at this time. There is a timeline for December. Commissioner Stokes made a motion to add

this as a topic at the special meeting on the 17th, Comm. Palm seconded motion, all were in favor.

Community Advisory Committee:

Commissioner Stokes made a motion to add this topic to the special meeting on the 17th. Commissioner Palm seconded motion, all were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

WFCA Health Insurance Application:

Chief Acord presented the board chair with application to renew health insurance with no changes, renewal is done on a yearly basis. Commissioner Palm and Commissioner Stokes reviewed application. Commissioner Palm made a motion to approve application, Commissioner Stokes seconded, all were in favor.

IMT Application for Chief Acord:

Commissioner Palm made a motion to approve Int. Chief Acord's application for the Incident Management Team. Commissioner Stokes seconded, all were in favor.

Town of Twisp annexation:

1300 at City Hall Commissioner Stokes and Int. Chief Acord will meet with members from Town Council to discuss general fire matters.

Okanogan County Mutual Aid Agreement:

Updated Okanogan County Mutual Aid agreement needs to be signed. The reservation is going to be added to the agreement. Commissioner Stokes made a motion to sign mutual aid agreement, Commissioner Palm seconded, all were in favor.

Budget:

Int. Chief Acord completed a draft budget for 2017, and presented to the board for review. Will be posted to website on the morning of 11/15/16.

State Audit:

Int. Chief Acord received a call from State Auditor to let him know that the State's case will be closing on the "Whistle Blower" audit. The audit will produce a letter of findings, if commissioners other than the chair wish to be present district has to have a special meeting. Board asks Int. Chief Acord to arrange the meeting with the State, Commissioner Palm and himself. District paid approximately \$3500 to the State for the audit.

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

Public Records Request:

Two PRR in the last month. One for Carlton Complex, and one for Twisp River Fire. Inquiries included equipment used, people involved, and incident reports.

Christmas Dinner:

Twisp Grange December 15th. Commissioners need to address the Commissioners Award, can email Int. Cody Acord with their decisions.

Commissioner Stokes attended training, made contacts at conference. Will be presenting Int. Chief Acord with information obtained. Potential legal matters changing in the fire service. Spoke about the Oso incident, and changes that may come about because of the incident.

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 to return at 8:03 PM. 5 additional minutes were needed, returned at 8:08 PM. No decisions were made.

VOUCHER APPROVAL: The vouchers were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Stokes motioned to approve Vouchers #16-414 through 16-424 in the amount of \$32,504.66 for payroll and taxes which were presented for payment on November 1, 2016 and Vouchers #16-425 through 16-499 regular bills in the amount of \$44,219.81 for a total of \$76,724.47 which were presented for payment on November 14, 2016. Commissioner Palm seconded. Motion approved with all in favor.

The ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Commissioner Jerry Palm

ATTEST:

Mark Crum, Secretary