

OKANOGAN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #6
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
November 11th 2019

PRESENT: Commissioner Palm, Commissioner Stokes, Commissioner Brandenburg
Asst Chief Stamps, Chief Acord, Secretary Mark Crum, other people attending include:
See attached.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Additions to agenda: N/A

MINUTES of the October 14th regular meeting, Commissioner Stokes made motion to approve minutes from the October 14th regular meeting, Commissioner Brandenburg seconded, all were in favor.

Financial Report:

Commissioners Stokes made a motion to approve the treasurer's reports from the October County reports in the amount of of \$744,048.85 Commissioner Palm seconded all were in favor.

Public Comment:

N/A

Old Business:

New Station:

Chief Acord presents George Watson's report on the commissioner's inquiry about using block instead of stick framing. Commissioner Palm would like for all three of the board to be on the same page for building material types. Stokes stated that he's willing to lean towards that direction. **Cost of block versus stick framing appeared to have negligible gain.**

Commissioner Brandenburg makes a motion to continue with the current design with a combination of stick and block type construction. Commissioner Stokes seconded, all were in favor.

Commissioner Palm makes a motion to build the new fire station without any unfinished areas, Commissioner Brandenburg seconded, all were in favor.

Chief Acord presented building estimates, \$3.4 million (including building costs, taxes, insurance), \$3.6 if the loan on the land is paid off. Final cost estimate of the building determines what the tax / thousand would be. Options include permanent lid lift (50% vote), temporary led lift, bond is 60% and good for up to 20 years. Chief Acord presents

Commissioners with current Levy amounts for fire districts so they can have comparables. With an increase of 18 cents the fire district is very close to the average.

Commissioners agree that they don't want to go out to the voters in February, potentially April for a levy or bond depending on what they decide.

CORRESPONDENCE: N/A

PUBLIC COMMENT2: N/A

New Business:

2020 Budget:

Chief Acord presents the Commissioners with a preliminary draft of the 2020 budget. Meeting to present the budget will be Tuesday the 19th.

Commissioner Brandenburg made a motion to payout accumulated comp time before the end of the year (no more than 500 hours), Commissioner Palm seconded, all were in favor.

Commissioner Brandenburg made a motion to move out \$100,000 of the current working fund, and move it into the reserve fund, Commissioner Palm seconded, all were in favor.

Chiefs Report:

Monthly Accruals

Chief Acord presented monthly accruals for leave for October.

Chief Acord presented the commissioners with the call run volume for October.

Committees: N/A

Public Comment #2:

Pat Leigh made a comment that the voters have been well educated during the most recent commissioner race. Leigh recommends that the commissioners pursue a Levy Lid lift.

Paul Sisson seconds Leigh's comments. Sisson thinks the lift is a really good idea. Sisson mentions the other district stations, and that those will be needing upgrades in the future as well. Sisson summarizes by saying that there will be a lot of new expenses in the future. Sisson also mentions that our nearest comparable neighbor is Stevens County 1, and they are at a \$1.30 for their levy amounts.

Commissioner Brandenburg asked about what the Fire District can do to help with future firefighter emergencies, in terms of insurance or the like. Chief Acord spoke about the Council of Washington Volunteer Firefighters and the insurance they provide.


Jeremiah Fosness mentioned that he is looking into cancer pre-screening for firefighters and associated cost.

Good of the order:

Executive Session #1 n/a


VOUCHER APPROVAL: The vouchers were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Stokes motioned to approve Vouchers #19-460 through 19-470 in the amount of \$41,326.22 for payroll and taxes which were presented for payment on September 16th Vouchers #19-394 through 19-460 regular bills in the amount \$44,165.26 for a total of \$85,491.48 which were presented for payment on November 11th, 2019. Commissioner Brandenburg seconded. Motion approved with all in favor.

The ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM.



Commissioner Jerry Palm

ATTEST:



Mark Crum, Secretary