

OKANOGAN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #6
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
February 13, 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, Ross Darling, Brian Colin, Rick Nordby, Charles Hammer, Jim Schultz, Brian McAuliffe, Jesse Schultz, John Owen. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

MINUTES of the regular meeting, January 9th, 2017 regular meeting minutes, Commissioner Stokes made motion to approve minutes from January 9th Meeting, Commissioner Brandenburg seconded, all were in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Commissioner's reviewed the treasurer's report from January and approved. The ending balance was \$427,279.92 fund balance January. Commissioner Stokes made a motion that the January treasurer's reports be accepted and Commissioner Palm seconded, all were in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Paul Sisson has a comment about Public Comment. Likes rolling comment period, so public could comment as the meeting progresses. Interim Chief Acord recommends having 2 public comment periods, at the beginning and end of the meeting.

Commissioner Stokes made a motion that the agenda be amended to have 2 public comment periods, Commissioner Palm seconded, all were in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

FD6 Policies:

New policy #27 for employee retirement system eligibility. Commissioners reviewed Interim Chief Acord's policy. Policy follows existing system, now just recorded as a policy. Commissioner Stokes made a motion to approve policy #27 Firefighter Retirement System Eligibility, Commissioner Brandenburg seconded, all were in favor.

Commissioners reviewed and signed policy #1-#23, which is referenced on April of 2007 minutes. Commissioners also reviewed and signed policy #24 from March 14, 2016 meeting.

State Audit:

Interim Chief Acord presented a form to the Commissioners, estimated cost is \$4,500, + \$250 per travel and any other associated costs. Commissioner Palm signed authorization.

Brush Trucks:

Interim Chief Acord has been working with General Fire. Working down to barebones basic truck would be \$155,000. 3 year loan 1.05% = \$1,800-\$1,900 in interest. GSA / Washington State bid, cab/chassis would be the same. Commissioner Stokes commented that USFS receives trucks thru GSA bid, and would like Int. Chief Acord to look into the program.

Ross Darling asked about a price for cab/chassis, Cody answered \$47,000. Darling also asked about moving pump from old truck to new cab/chassis. Commissioners want new, and not to re-use box for a new replacement. Used box would have to be widened to fit on chassis. General Fire stated if we were able to move soon, engine might be able to be ready for fire season.

Int. Chief Acord discussed reliability and keeping up with current safety standards with a new fire vehicle built by a company that makes fire trucks. He also talked about safety with a water tank that is built with a low center of gravity for a brush truck.

Mr. Brian McAuliffe, commented that there's no substitute for a purpose-built apparatus. In terms of value, safety, length of service, no better option.

John Owen commented about how he likes the safety aspect of a lower center of gravity for the brush truck.

Paul Sisson urged the Commissioners to move quickly on adding a brush truck.

Ross Darling asked if money from reserves could be used while waiting for financing to go through.

Commissioners and Int Chief Acord discussed options, and replacement of other engines other than the Brush Trucks. Debate of 1 or 2 brush trucks, interest rates will not be going lower.

Commissioner Brandenburg recommended looking into GSA like Commissioner Stokes asked. Commissioners like the idea of 2 trucks, so Int Chief Acord is looking into it.

NEW BUSINESS:**Social Security Payments:**

Int. Chief Acord presented report from CPA catching employee who had accidentally been paying into social security to the tune of ~\$8,000. IRS is returning money over time, and employee will be reimbursed.

2016 Fire District Annual Report:

Cody presented 3 page report of incidents in the valley, only had two less calls than previous busy seasons.

Chiefs Report:

Monthly Accruals of comp and vacation time have been renewed by commissioners. Commissioner Palm noted that accrual balances have been going down.

Community Advisory Reports:

Paul Sisson gave a report of the first three meetings. First meeting was a “get to know”, and identified some sites along with criteria. Second meeting dealt with substance of sites that they are selecting, clearly identified properties. Third meeting narrowed down list of potential sites to 6. Belsby Field, Walker property, current site, Don White site potentially, Post Office property, Berenstein property.

Public Comment #2:

Paul Sisson, likes the idea of 2 new brush trucks for fire season.

VOUCHER APPROVAL: The vouchers were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Stokes motioned to approve Vouchers #17-045 through 17-059 in the amount of \$28,498.69 for payroll and taxes which were presented for payment on January 9, 2017, Vouchers #17-060 through 17-091 regular bills in the amount of \$19,428.62, for a total of \$47,927.31 which were presented for payment on February 13th, 2017. Commissioner Brandenburg seconded. Motion approved with all in favor.

The ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Commissioner Jerry Palm

ATTEST: _____
Mark Crum, Secretary