

OKANOGAN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #6  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
March 13, 2017

PRESENT: Commissioner Les Stokes, 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, Ron Perrow, Kevin Standforth, Rick Rottman, Jim Woods, Keith Comstock, Linda Standforth, and Bruce Hevly.

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

MINUTES of the regular meeting, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 regular meeting minutes, Commissioner Brandenburg made motion to approve minutes from February 13th Meeting, Commissioner Stokes seconded, all were in favor.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The Commissioner's reviewed the treasurer's report from January and approved. The ending balance was \$414,650.84 fund balance February. Commissioner Stokes made a motion that the February treasurer's reports be accepted and Commissioner Brandenburg seconded, all were in favor.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Ron Perrow asked about the CAC, thought that it was going to be ongoing. Stated that the mission statement said otherwise. On the purchase of the Brush Trucks, understands the reservations about old tanks with new truck, wonders if there was an effort to look into retro fitting. In regards to the CAC he states that 4 acres is a lot of property, and that zoning doesn't need to be a limitation

Paul Sisson understood that the composition of the CAC, was going to be select topic, solicit people interested/experience, geographically diverse, to make best committee possible.

Les Stokes stated that the State Commissioners Association recommends a committee for each topic for advisory committee.

Paul Sisson discussed different zoning types in Winthrop. Said talked w/ Rocklynn Culp and said R3 zoning would expect a conditional use permit to build, but might be frowned on. With regards to county, need a conditional use permit everywhere except at an airport.

Paul Sisson with respect to access at post office site, says that the DOT requirement for Class 5 roads, requires 100ft separation between driveways. In Town, it's up to the

Town, and the Town's code says it matches the DOT. Culp says that in this instance they'd require a traffic study, recommends talking with Abby Creek Inn for a joint access.

**Old Business:**

**Winthrop Annexation**

Winthrop Annexation passed election. Transfer of property will happen January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

**State Audit**

Auditor will be here starting 3/14/17 for regular 3 year audit.

**Brush Truck**

Cody looked at GSA pricing for trucks. Prices fluctuated greatly depending on options; truck with 300 gallon tank is over \$260,000. GSA program doesn't offer any low center of gravity style trucks. State DNR uses same cab & chassis program OCFD6 uses, then builds trucks in house.

Commissioner Brandenburg made a motion to have Int. Chief Acord put low center of gravity Brush Trucks out to bid. Commissioner Stokes seconded, all were in favor.

Commissioner Stokes asked if we could look into a used truck as a backup for the season. Int. Chief Acord responded that this season we have three trucks that are usable, as one is out of service. Cody is going to look into costs and options, and going to look into getting rid of the older one.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Twisp SCBA:**

Twisp city truck has low pressure bottles, while the district uses hi-pressure. OCFD6 can fill both types of bottles. Hydrostat for bottles for is every 15 years, need to be tested now. Lo-Pressure bottles cost over \$1000, more expensive as they're being phased out. Int. Chief Acord is working on prices, potentially for used gear. New hi-pressure pack is \$5,000-\$6,000. Bottles have 15 year total life span.

**State Salary Report:**

Through WSFCA compare our district, out of 60 departments that participated in study OCFD6 ranked 8<sup>th</sup>, meaning 8th lowest. Report shows assessed property valuation, sizes of district, number of calls, etc.

**Chiefs Report:**

Monthly Accruals of comp and vacation time have been reviewed by commissioners. Int. Chief Acord mentioned that all apparatus on going thru yearly servicing, and everything is looking good, mentioned that Winthrop E641 is having transmission

problems and will be towed out of District for servicing. Towing bill will be at least \$1,350.

**Community Advisory Reports:**

Paul Sisson reported that the committee is down to 4 properties. Horizon Flats, Varney Property, Belsby Property, and property next to Post Office. CAC will be doing a walk-thru when snow melts off in the next weeks.

Int. Chief Acord recommends the commissioners outline to the CAC how they present their information. Paul Sisson recommends that the CAC gives organized, detailed information for each property, this way all information is available for future reference.

Ron Perrow asked if the report from the CAC could be available on the website.

**Public Comment #2:**

Paul Sisson, would like to thank Commissioner Brandenburg for all the work he put in on the Winthrop Annexation process.

VOUCHER APPROVAL: The vouchers were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Brandenburg motioned to approve Vouchers #17-092 through 17-0102 in the amount of \$26,553.60 for payroll and taxes which were presented for payment on January 9, 2017, Vouchers #17-102 through 17-138 regular bills in the amount of \$23,617.64, for a total of \$47,927.31 which were presented for payment on February 13th, 2017. Commissioner Stokes seconded. Motion approved with all in favor.

The ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM.

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Commissioner Jerry Palm

ATTEST:

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Mark Crum, Secretary