

OKANOGAN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #6
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
April 10, 2017

PRESENT: Commissioner Jerry Palm, 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, Rick Nordby, Charles Hammer, Jim Schultz, Brian McAuliffe, Jesse Schultz, John Owen, Rick Rottman, and Keith Comstock.

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

MINUTES of the regular meeting, March 13th, 2017 regular meeting minutes, Commissioner Palm made motion to approve minutes from March 13th Meeting, Commissioner Stokes seconded, all were in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Commissioner's reviewed the treasurer's report from March and approved. The ending balance was \$423,864.13 fund balance March. Commissioner Stokes made a motion that the March treasurer's reports be accepted and Commissioner Brandenburg seconded, all were in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Old Business:

Brush Truck Bids:

Alpine Welding: \$158,264 optional \$15,068.72 (including tax). 1 year warranty, lifetime on tank. No UL certification. Chassis price \$59,554. 310 days to complete once bid is accepted, .

General Fire: \$162,258 optional \$8,755 (not including tax). 1 year warranty. UL listed. Chassis price \$41,427. 325 days to complete once bid is accepted.

Approx. \$2,823 (for each truck) difference between Alpine and General Fire, Alpine was cheaper.

**Special meeting to discuss brush truck bid, to be held on April 13th at 5:00 PM.
Specific purpose to discuss brush truck.**

Int. Chief Acord informed Commissioners that we'll be starting Financial Notice of Intent (NOI) form to be started and turned in by next meeting for the LOCAL funding loan.

Generator Grant

Kickoff meeting started week of April 3rd. Need to start looking for design Engineer, engineer will outline what is needed for project in terms of installation and other sub-contractors.

Commissioner Brandenburg made a motion to put out an RFQ, in a legal ad for design and engineering of Generator Installation, Commissioner Palm seconded, all were in favor.

State Audit

Received the email stating that the Audit has officially started, don't have an exact date for the Audit Closing.

Twisp SCBA

Used high pressure airpacks that will match our existing airpacks won't be available until the end of May, we'll have more information on pricing at that time. For purchase of new air bottles it is \$700 bottle for hi-pressure, \$1,000 + for low-pressure. Low pressure airpacks are no longer made.

Engine 641

Engine has been repaired, over \$15,000 in total costs. Freightliner in Spokane did the repairs. Int. Chief Acord is going to look into solutions for transmission temperature warnings on engines.

NEW BUSINESS:

Radio Use Agreement DNR:

DNR is working on radio agreement, so we can use their frequencies, and they can use OCFD's. This is an annual renewal.

Commissioner Stokes made motion to have Int. Chief Acord sign DNR Radio Use Agreement, Commissioner Brandenburg seconded, all were in favor.

Chiefs Report:

Monthly Accruals of comp and vacation time have been reviewed by commissioners.

Community Advisory Report:

Committee was able to get to all 4 potential building sites for new Winthrop fire station. At the moment they are waiting for estimated cost amounts from property owners. CAC would like to know how information needs to be presented to commissioners. What makes a good piece of property? Board listed items included: road access, water, sewer,

power, construction ready, price, size, parking, affect response times, safety issues with property, zoning county and city, pushback from neighbors, and environmental.

Paul Sisson discussed encumbrances, easements, rights-of-way, powerlines, etc. Need to make sure those are looked into. Sisson wants to know if commissioners want info on sites that didn't make final four properties. Commissioners said yes they do.

Commissioner Brandenburg and Commissioner Palm asked for a pros vs cons list for each property, and a joint conclusion. Ross Darling stated that hopefully info can be prepared by May 9th meeting. The CAC's report should be advertised additionally to the regular commissioners meeting.

Commissioner Stokes stated for the record that he's appreciative of the work that the CAC has done for the Fire District and as a tax payer. Says CAC has done great work. Commissioners Brandenburg and Palm agreed.

Public Comment #2:

Rick Nordby comments about the new brush truck purchase. As a volunteer and as a taxpayer would like to see a company with a long history of building fire trucks as they are relied upon to be used every day, and in emergency situations.

Paul Sisson comments about E641 and the transmission issue, and potentially some simple fail safe measures like stickers or labels in the cab.

Brian McAuliffe comments about the brush truck. Encourages the commissioners to look at the service life of the truck, and its fiscal impact. Quality trucks may cost more upfront, but over the lifespan pays dividends.

VOUCHER APPROVAL: The vouchers were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Brandenburg motioned to approve Vouchers #17-139 through 17-152 in the amount of \$26,881 for payroll and taxes which were presented for payment on March 27, 2017, Vouchers #17-153 through 17-177 regular bills in the amount of \$31,501.28, for a total of \$58,382.28 which were presented for payment on April 10, 2017. Commissioner Stokes seconded. Motion approved with all in favor.

The ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM.

Commissioner Jerry Palm

ATTEST:

Mark Crum, Secretary