

OKANOGAN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #6
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
May 8, 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, Brian McAuliffe, John Owen, Rick Rottman, and Keith Comstock.
The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

MINUTES of the regular meeting, April 10th & 13th , 2017 regular meeting minutes, Commissioner Palm made motion to approve minutes from April 10th & 13th Meeting, Commissioner Brandenburg seconded, all were in favor.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

The Commissioner’s reviewed the treasurer’s report from April and approved. The ending balance was \$573,572,63 fund balance March. Commissioner Stokes made a motion that the April treasurer’s reports be accepted and Commissioner Brandenburg seconded, all were in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Paul Sisson has a question for the board about Westernization, which will be brought about during the CAC committee report.

John Owen asked if the Brush Trucks have been ordered, Int Chief Acord replied that yes they have.

Old Business:

Generator Grant:

Received clarification from FEMA, and we don’t need an engineer for generator installation.. Int Chief Acord has been talking with a local electrician about the needs for design.

State Audit:

Audit will be finished up this month. Commissioner Palm will meet with auditor during exit interview.

NEW BUSINESS:

Labor Attorney for Review of Bargaining Agreement

OCFD’s lawyer doesn’t do collective bargaining, so Int. Chief Acord has been working on finding a different attorney. Commissioners reviewed agreement from attorney.

Commissioner Palm made a motion to accept agreement from McGavick Graves Attorneys at Law to work on labor agreement with union firefighters. Commissioner Brandenburg seconded motion. All were in favor.

Chiefs Report:

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

Community Advisory Report:

Belsby not interested in selling property. CAC has asked owner of Post Office piece of property to disclose the entrance of the property for clarity. Post Office property also has a section that has deeded rights for Foghorn ditch, CAC members have spoken with some ditch rights owners and they aren’t interested in selling rights.

Varney property has a 50 foot right of way easement.

Winthrop Westernization Board has stated that the only options for building materials for exterior is wood. Board stated that wood would be a poor choice for such a large building. Buildings in town could be subject to Westernization Board Review.

Public Comment #2:

For clarity, John Owen stated that on the Varney & Post Office properties the town would have to write an Amendment to the current code to allow for a fire station. Horizon Flats property would not be subject to Westernization.

VOUCHER APPROVAL: The vouchers were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Palm motioned to approve Vouchers #17-178 through 17-187 in the amount of \$26,676.31 for payroll and taxes which were presented for payment on April 24, 2017, Vouchers #17-188 through 17-216 regular bills in the amount of \$29,818.03, for a total of \$56,494.44 which were presented for payment on May 8, 2017. Commissioner Stokes seconded. Motion approved with all in favor.

The ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Commissioner Jerry Palm

ATTEST: _____
Mark Crum, Secretary