

OKANOGAN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #6
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
May 13th, 2019

PRESENT: Commissioner Palm, Commissioner Stokes, Commissioner Brandenburg Asst Chief Stamps, Chief Acord, Secretary Mark Crum, other people attending include: John Owen, Alan Fahnestock, Ron Perrow, Jeremiah Fosness, Rock Rottman, Duncan Bronson, Jesse Fuller, Brian McAuliffe, Val Hecker, Ken Doran, Ross Darling, Paul Sisson

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

MINUTES of the April 8th th regular meeting Commissioner Brandenburg made motion to approve minutes from the March meetings Commissioner Stokes seconded, all were in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Commissioner's reviewed the treasurer's report from April and approved. The ending balance was \$777,160.06 fund balance April. Commissioner Stokes made a motion that the April treasurer's reports be accepted and Commissioner Brandenburg seconded, all were in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: N/A

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ron Perrow re-iterated the invite to his hangar June 1st for a barbeque. Perrow asked Chief Acord to get a final head count, other agencies also responding.

Paul Sisson said that his wife is sorry that he couldn't attend because she is sick.

New Business Presentation by Ray Johnson:

Ray Johnson (RD Johnson Associates) owns a company, that helps jurisdictions build fire stations. Johnson is not an architect, but had been the fire marshall on multiple new fire station projects. Johnson has taught at the national fire academy, and has experience at high levels. He is willing to offer his services for minimal funding. Says he offers an expert in Chief Predmar from Buckley, WA. Chief Predmar would like to invite the commissioners from OCFD6 to see his new station that Johnson was a part of and discuss his experience in passing a bond. Johnson discusses the standards of building a station, and the importance of establishing a good plan for building one. He would like to have a field trip to Buckley to meet with their Chief. He offers his company which has a mix of contractors, experts, and others to help with the station build process. Buckley Station was \$5.7 million, and 14,000 square feet, and their bond passed by approximately %65.

OLD BUSINESS:

New Station Interior Design – Chief Acord talked with George Watson about cost calculations. Watson wants to know if the commissioners are committed to a budget number, or want to see what the costs is with the floor plan and exterior drawings. Commissioners are not stuck on a cost and want to see what the least expensive cost will be. Discussion amongst commissioners about air handling, roof design, etc. based on talking points that Ray Johnson presented. The Commissioners looked once again at the building plans, analyzing some of the spaces and room for hooks and gear.

SEPA Update for Station Property –

NEW BUSINESS:

Okanogan County Dispatch – Discussing a sales tax increase to cover badly needed upgrades for equipment and call centers. Washington State auditor said that the OK Co Dispatch needs to assess a fair and equitable way to bill entities. Sales tax increase to fund dispatch needs will potentially be on November's ballot. Chief Acord stated that the Districts cost would be approximately \$5,000, but if the sales tax increase passes the assessment to OCFD6 would be closer to \$1,000.

Chief Acord presented the commissioners with a letter of support for the sales tax increase for which they decided to sign.

Commissioner Brandenburg made a motion to accept the letter of support for the Okanogan county Dispatch's proposed tax increase, Commissioner Palm seconded, and all were in favor.

Command Vehicle Replacement Schedule – Currently two of the Districts command vehicles are due and needed for replacement.

Chief Acord is looking for a board motion to go out for bid on a new Command Vehicle. Commissioner Palm asked if Chief Acord has looked into trucks that are electric powered. Discussion about electric trucks and debating how heavy of chassis to get. Commissioner Stokes thinks that a purchasing a heavier truck could be beneficial so it could be dual purpose if needed by adding a small pump and water tank. Chief Acord will look at costs difference in vehicles for the next meeting.

Chiefs Report:

Monthly Accruals

Chief Acord presented monthly accruals for leave for April.

Committees: N/A

Public Comment #2:

Paul Sisson has a couple of questions about the station discussion. Sisson would like to know if the station is potentially undersized? If using an air make up system could you use a heat exchanger? Ray Johnson stated that you need a mechanical engineer to calculate air loss, and air make-up. Paul Sisson re- asked the question wondering if the station could be too small?

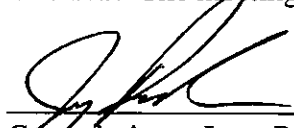
Commissioner Brandenburg stated that in his opinion the station is big enough, but it's hard to know what the need will be in the future.

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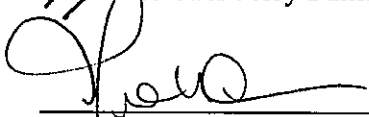
VOUCHER APPROVAL: The vouchers were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Stokes motioned to approve Vouchers #19-128 through 19-137 in the amount of \$26,909.62 for payroll and taxes which were presented for payment on April 16th, Vouchers #19-138 through 19-178 regular bills in the amount \$37,117.54 for a total of \$37,117.54 which were presented for payment on May 13th, 2019. Commissioner Palm seconded. Motion approved with all in favor.

The ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.



Commissioner Jerry Palm

ATTEST:



Mark Crum, Secretary