

OKANOGAN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #6
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
June 11th, 2018

PRESENT: Commissioner Brandenburg, Commissioner Jerry Palm, Chief Cody Acord, Secretary Mark Crum, other people attending include: Jesse Fuller, Rusty Stamps, Emily Sisson, Paul Sisson, John Owen, Rick Nordby, Rick Rottman, Brian McAuliffe, Keith Comstock, and MVN Anne McCreary.
The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

MINUTES of the May, 2018 regular meeting minutes, Commissioner Palm made motion to approve minutes from the May 9th meeting, Commissioner Brandenburg, seconded, all were in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Commissioner's reviewed the treasurer's report from May and approved. The ending balance was \$791,576.53 fund balance April. Commissioner Palm made a motion that the May treasurer's reports be accepted and Commissioner Brandenburg seconded, all were in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: n/a

PUBLIC COMMENT:

n/a

OLD BUSINESS:

Property Location:

SEPA is still a work in progress for the District. Chief Acord is going to meet with John Hayes who has some working experience with SEPA's. No exact timeline for SEPA at this time.

Board wants to wait for the completion of SEPA before making any decisions.

New Station Design:

District has two options for the design process. Design – build process is excluded from the districts options. Architect / General Contractor method: hire architect, hire general contractor, architect comes up with design (with general for efficiency / cost effectiveness). General then hires all sub-contractors. Estimates are a guideline for the general, and they bill up to a maximum figure.

State-law says that we have to have an architect to design the building. Chief Acord says that going with a new Architect could cost the District \$150,000. Board discusses options for using previous architect. Questions whether or not that architect can start from existing plans.

Commissioner Brandenburg came up with some estimates for building costs. Estimated block building cost of \$124,000 just for the blocks. \$31/ sq ft for frame and erection of a metal building. Chief Acord suggests building 3 small restrooms instead of locker room style, which could save money.

Commissioner Brandenburg and Commissioner Palm discuss if to use old plans, state that a re-design probably wouldn't change much from the latest rendering from the architect.

Chief Acord recommends re-visiting the needs assessment and posting to the district web-site as the process continues. Chief Acord is going to reach-out to the architect (George) and see where the District is at with keeping him as an architect.

Sisson comments and advises that the district build to suit their needs and not to satisfy the vocal negative, stating the district already has a station that doesn't suit needs.

Chief Acord referenced a slide that he saw at station building conference: average size for a volunteer station was over 17,000 square feet.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dispatch Fees: District received a notice from Okanogan Dispatch notifying us that they would be charging us an estimated \$3000 per year for services starting in 2019. The existing agreement has the District offering fire protection for their properties, and the County has to provide dispatch services. Chief Acord is going to contact the County to discuss.

Chiefs Report:

Monthly Accruals

Chief Acord presented accrual reports for May.

Committees: n/a

Public Comment #2:


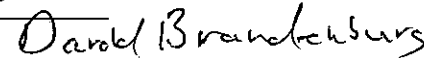
Paul Sisson discusses the architect situation, recommends a short consult which shouldn't be too expensive. Steve Uhlman previous Westernization Board lead recommended that the architect sits down with commissioners and Western Board to talk about the design.

Chief Acord stated that the Westernization Code is a standard for the Town of Winthrop and that the Code would be a basis for making a decision on the property.

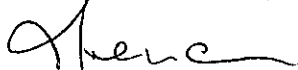
Sisson states that in speaking with John Owen that Owen stated he felt certain training evolutions wouldn't be safe at the Varney site. Recommended changing the name of the new station and adding "central" to the title.

VOUCHER APPROVAL: The vouchers were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Brandenburg motioned to approve Vouchers #18-202 through 18-210 in the amount of \$20,893.70 for payroll and taxes which were presented for payment on May 28th 2018, Vouchers #18-211 through 18-243 regular bills in the amount of \$19,754.27, for a total of \$40,647.97 which were presented for payment on June 11, 2018. Commissioner Palm seconded. Motion approved with all in favor.

The ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM.


Commissioner Jerry Palm 

ATTEST:


Mark Crum, Secretary