

OKANOGAN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #6
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
June 10th, 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 7:02 PM.

MINUTES of the May 13th regular meeting Commissioner Stokes made motion to approve minutes from the May meetings 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 \$858,717.14 fund balance May. Commissioner Stokes made a motion that the May treasurer's reports be accepted and Commissioner Palm seconded, all were in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: N/A

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ron Perrow knows what Darold and Jerry think about the Horizon Flats site. Perrow asked what Les Stokes thinks about the site. Stokes said that everybody he talks to about the site doesn't like it. He said that more and more people he talks to doesn't like it.

Jeremiah Fosness commented that Stokes was a part of the board that agreed and voted to approve the Horizon Flats

Paul Sisson asked Stokes based on his statement about how many of those people are aware of the report that the Station Committee made. Stokes commented that 100's of people he's talked to don't believe that the station is a good site.

Commissioner Brandenburg made a statement that he believes that you are never going to get 100 % consensus of selection of the new station site.

Commissioner Palm made a comment that the site Ron Perrow would like to use (just North of Witte Rd North entrance) has a number of issues that have already been

discussed. Among those are proximity to highway, distance from town and fact that it's not for sale.

Alan Fahnstock asked how much money we'd leave on the table if we switched to another site at this point? Chief Acord replied that if the Town of Winthrop re-zones the Horizon Flats site they will re-zone as a single dwelling which could be a loss of substantial money in terms of the value of the property.

Commissioner Palm asked Ron Perrow what his issue is with the Horizon Flats property. Perrow said he timed the distance to the KOA which is 3.5 minutes. Perrow stated that the majority of calls come from the South East, which is where he also believes the growth potential is. He brings up the issue of public safety and believes we need to take a look at where the calls come from historically to enhance public safety. He believes Horizon Flats is too far from Highway 20.

Paul Sisson states that the majority of the calls are South of the downtown corridor, but that doesn't mean towards Twisp. Sisson believes that a good chunk of the calls need to be analyzed and noted as who was first on scene, and who is back-up. Believes that can skew the data.

John Owen states that since the commissioners have already stated that they won't do imminent domain and that the property Perrow mentions isn't for sale, asks why we are even discussing the matter.

Commissioner Brandenburg agrees with Owen and states that the Town of Winthrop has a large concentration of homes and he would move closer to the Town instead of further away like Perrow suggests. Commissioner Brandenburg stated that since the Town of Winthrop has become annexed into the Fire District it has increased the Districts call volume.

Perrow states that he doesn't believe that the public will support the Horizon Flats site, and that's what it's going to take to build a station.

Ken Doran rebuked Brandenburg's comments stating that the Town of Winthrop has always been a part of the call volume.

Keith Comstock summarized the Station Site committee's purpose and discussed what their duty was. Comstock said that he's disappointed with Stokes on his change in site opinion and also disappointed in the fact that Stokes isn't taking the time to educate the public after he was a part of the decision to select Horizon Flats.

Paul Sisson comments that Ron Perrow is cherry picking the data to support his beliefs. States that Perrow needs to look at a broader scope of data. Sisson asks doesn't it make more sense to build a station where more residential areas are, and not where the might be.

Brandenburg said that he believes the Town of Winthrop annexing changes things because those homeowners are paying the District directly.

Perrow stated that if he could be sold on the site and the building he would support it, but he doesn't believe that the site is right and that the design is wrong. He said that to start with the living quarters aren't necessary and that it needs to be a response based station not command type post.

Commissioner Palm asked Perrow to stop his comments about the stations needs and stated the District's needs assessment had covered these topics and explained their purpose.

Courtney Creighton stated that with public safety in mind and the needs assessment he's concerned about safety in the Winthrop station and wants to know what has been done to mitigate safety. Creighton said that he has ideas on how to improve safety and that something needs to be done to reduce risk for firefighters and reduce liability for tax payers. Creighton recommended that the commissioners look into finding ways to reduce risk in the Winthrop Station. Moving equipment, moving changing areas, etc.

Emily Sisson asked Commissioner Stokes if the fire station in its current design and location was on the upcoming ballot would he vote for the station, he answered "no", not in its current state.

Creighton commented that means Commissioner Stokes is not taking measures to help reduce risk at the Winthrop station and keeping firefighters in harms way.

OLD BUSINESS:

New Station Interior Design – Chief Acord presented George Watson's updated estimate, for the updated design and site work. Before tax the amount is 3.3 million dollars, with taxes 3.8 million. This is based on the updated design. Watson estimated \$150 / per square foot, and showed potential savings for stick framing, volunteer excavation, etc.

Ross Darling asked if the change orders were included in the estimate, Chief Acord and Commissioner Brandenburg stated that they were included in the contingency line item of the estimate.

Chief Acord is working on financial information and stated that the Fire District could be asking the voters for 17-18 cents per 1000 of assessed value, which is same as the last time.

Command Vehicle Update:

Production won't be starting until 2020 on electric pickups. The replacement vehicle in question is on its 3rd motor and burns ¼ of oil per month. Palm states that he's willing to wait for electric vehicle production. Stokes commented that he's questioning the size of

the truck, and believes that it needs to be at *least a 3/4* ton with a small tank and pump. Brandenburg and Palm disagree, stating that the vehicle only needs to be used for commanding and not fighting fire. Acord stated that the commander needs to be assessing the fire and managing resources, not engaging in a fire that they may not be able to fight on their own.

Palm states that he believes the District doesn't need tanks and pumps on Command type rigs.

Chief Acord presented prices on the trucks. The ½ ton vehicle cost and the ¾ ton vehicle cost.

Commissioner Brandenburg made a motion to purchase a ½ ton command vehicle, commissioner Palm seconded the motion. *Two were in favor, Les Stokes was not.*

NEW BUSINESS:

Mazama Tender had 1 bid come in for its bid request. Two other manufacturers called for information, but didn't submit a bid. \$372,515 was the final bid amount from.

Stokes asked how that tender compared with a conventional tender, replies from other commissioners that it's the same as the other tenders. Stokes also asked how long the bid was good for. Palm replied that the bid was good for thirty days from June 6th.

Ross Darling ask the commissioners if there's money in the budget for the purchase of the trucks. Palm and Acord replied back stating that there's money in the budget for the purchase of both the command vehicle and tender. Approximately \$4000 saved on pre pay purchase of the chassis.

Commissioner Stokes makes a motion that we schedule a separate meeting on June 24th 7:00 PM at the District headquarters to discuss the purchase of the new tender. Commissioner Palm seconded, all were in favor

Chiefs Report:

Monthly Accruals

Chief Acord presented monthly accruals for leave for May.

Committees: N/A

Public Comment #2:

Sisson wants to address the issue of Public Works vs a Fire Station. The Public Works building has a small office and a small bathroom. The fire station had different needs

than that of a public works building. States that we're comparing apples to oranges when comparing fire station to public works building.

Stokes has question to Sisson, asks if he has experience in the building trade or if he has experience in the fire service. Sisson replies with none. But states that he's spoken with many fire districts, has done extensive research and explains why you can't compare the two.

Palm states that we're not going to compare the two and that it's a different time. District is in the business of fighting fire and the days of throwing up a building quickly and cheaply are gone.

Brandenburg comments that down the road something else may need to be done in the Twisp area, and the needs assessment covers and justifies everything in the new station design.


Executive Session citing RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to Discuss with Legal Counsel, possible legal risks associated with a proposed action. Executive session starting at 8:32 ending at 8:47, extended 5 minutes to 8:52. Additional extension of 10 more minutes until 9:02.

Good of the order:

Executive Session #1

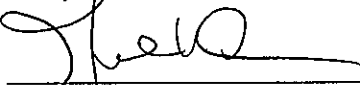
VOUCHER APPROVAL: The vouchers were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Stokes motioned to approve Vouchers #19-128 through 19-137 in the amount of \$26,962.05 for payroll and taxes which were presented for payment on May 28th, Vouchers #19-179 through 19-218 regular bills in the amount \$74,717.02 for a total of \$101,679.07 which were presented for payment on June 10th, 2019. Commissioner Brandenburg seconded. Motion approved with all in favor.

The ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 PM.



Commissioner Jerry Palm

ATTEST:



Mark Crum, Secretary