

OKANOGAN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #6
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
July 11, 2016

PRESENT: Commissioner Les Stokes, Commissioner Darold Brandenburg, Commissioner Jerry Palm, Interim Chief Cody Acord, Secretary Brian Colin, other people attending include: Rusty Stamps, Keith Comstock, Ross Darling, John Owen, Larry Smith, Sam Owen, Emily Sisson, and Jesse Fuller.

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

MINUTES of the regular meeting, June 13, 2016 meeting minutes were reviewed. Commissioner Stokes moved that the minutes be accepted as presented. Commissioner Palm seconded. The Minutes were approved with all in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Commissioner's reviewed the treasurer's report from June and approved. The ending balance was \$460,678.73 fund balance June. Commissioner Stokes moved that the June treasurer's reports be accepted and Commissioner Brandenburg seconded. Motion approved with all in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: The district did not receive any correspondence.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Paul Sisson asked about the capital improvement plan presented last month. He is wondering what the commissioners' feel the direction of the district.

Commissioner Brandenburg feels that the district needs change over time. Attracting good volunteers is the biggest issue facing the district. Building improvements is the next priority. Commissioner Stokes feels that attracting volunteers is the biggest issue. Commissioner Stokes feels that it doesn't make a difference whether the district has a state of the art engine or an old 1932 engine it doesn't make a difference if it is just sitting in the hall.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND CHIEF'S REPORT:

The Town of Winthrop contract: Chief Acord received some dates from the mayor of Winthrop requesting a meeting to talk about annexation. Commissioner Brandenburg would like to meet with the town on the 21st at 3 pm.

Chief Acord has been attempting to meet with the mayor of Twisp. He is hoping to meet with her within the next couple of days.

Chief Acord has been working on the hazard mitigation plan. This will help the potential of the district getting grants.

NEW BUSINESS: The McLure tower building will be being replaced in the near future. The district should replace their portions of the system. The estimate is approximately \$4,000. This would replace the wiring and the two antennas. Commissioner Palm made a motion that the district replaces the antennas and wiring. Commissioner Stokes seconded. All were in favor.

The board secretary has given termination notice. Chief Acord will be getting the commissioners a job description together. They will be pursuing a replacement. There will need to be a two to three month overlap to train the new secretary.

Commissioners discussed community advisory committees in general. Commissioners debated what type of group they would like to see formed. Chief Acord would like to see the committee have a very clear mission statement with clear roles and expectations of everyone. The commissioner did not make a decision tonight. They will review things and discuss the issue further at next meeting.

The county chief's association has proposed a possible fire marshal for the county. The association has asked if the districts would like to help fund the fire marshal position for the first couple of years. This would help the district with code enforcement. Fire prevention would be another feature of the position. The commissioners want more information before they make a decision.

Chief's Report: Chief Acord gave the commissioners sick/comp/and annual leave summaries for all employees through June. The commissioners reviewed.

Commissioner Stokes would like to see a county fire commissioners association. He is willing to head this up.

VOUCHER APPROVAL: The vouchers were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Palm motioned to approve Vouchers #16-255 through 16-268 in the amount of \$26,592.61 for payroll and taxes which were presented for payment on July 1, 2016 and Vouchers #16-269 through 16-295 regular bills in the amount of \$31,114.53 for a total of \$57,707.14 which were presented for payment on July 11, 2016. Commissioner Brandenburg seconded. Motion approved with all in favor.

The ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Commissioner Jerry Palm

ATTEST:

Brian Colin, Secretary