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**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
 FOR PIERCE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 17**

**May 16, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners for South Pierce Fire and Rescue District No. 17 held at 302 McNaught Street South, Roy WA 98580, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Chairman Morris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Present:** Commissioner John Christian, Commissioner Olivia Werner, Chairman Dan Morris, Commissioner John Sebastian, and Commissioner Kathy Kadow were present.

FC Bob Vellias, AC Samuel Yount, DS Summer Miller, a few citizens as well as several firefighters.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- Minutes – Regular Meeting minutes from April 18, 2016
- Minutes – Special Meeting minutes from April 25, 2016
- Minutes – Special Meeting minutes from May 2, 2016
- Accounts Payable Vouchers for April: #722 - # 777 for the amount - \$43,514.08
- Twenty-three (23) total Payroll vouchers for April in the amount - \$285,797.73
- Total Payroll and Vouchers - \$329,311.81
- Budget vs. Actual

*On a motion made by Commissioner Sebastian and seconded by Commissioner Werner the May 16, 2016 "Consent Agenda" was unanimously approved.*

**LOCAL 726:** None

**CADETS:**

Lieutenant Walsh announced that the Cadets will attend Muster at North Bend on May 21, 2016.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

The District received a thank you card from a Citizen.

**CHIEFS' REPORT:**

Monthly Call Report -----	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Total Calls This Month:	259	155
Year-To-Date Calls:	944	721

- **PSORT (Gig Harbor Invoice):** The Chief announced that the collective PSORT effort bill is due to be paid. For the past 1.5 years there has been no resolution with Wilcox Farms or its insurance carrier.

As a result, a voucher for payment, in the amount of \$27,498.23, will be submitted at the June meeting. Commissioner Kadow suggested paying the bill in two halves, in June and again in October after tax revenues are received.

- **August EMS Levy:** The required EMS levy information has been turned into the county and is posted on the web. The local will support the August EMS levy, but will not support a Maintenance and Operation (M&O) levy until South Pierce and the Town of Eatonville finalize the merger.
- **Preliminary State Auditor Meeting:** The District had a preliminary meeting with the State Auditor. A finalized audit report should be received within 30 days.
- **DC/AC Reports:**
  - DC Grant was excused, recovering from recent surgery. The Facilities and Apparatus Report was provided as usual, containing: photographic updates of the new FEMA funded engine, information on estimates to repair dry rot roof damage at station 170, update on the District's Hwy 7 property, and report that E85-4 was delivered to Ritchie Brothers Auction.
  - AC Yount reported that District 23 is making process in reducing SPFR's mutual aid response. AC Yount also provided initial information on a collective Medic One plan being worked on by Orting, South Pierce, Graham, East Pierce, and Gig Harbor.
- **BVFF Update:** A BVFF meeting held at 6:45 approved the minutes from March 21, 2016 as well as the pension request from Stephen V. Dell.
- **Community and District Events:** New recruit, Skyler Anderson, graduated from the West Pierce academy on May 6, 2016. He is currently working days and should transition to shift in June.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Commissioner Werner requested a 5 minute executive session under **RCW 42.30.110(1)(f) To receive and evaluate complaints or charges brought against a public officer or employee...**

At 7:21 pm Commissioner Morris announced a five minute executive session. At 7:26 pm the executive session was extended another 5 minutes. The regular meeting reconvened at 7:31 pm, going into "unfinished business."

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- 1) **Local #726, Grievance, Step 3 – Lieutenant Testing**  
*After a unanimous "nay" vote from all of the Commissioners, it was announced that the Board denies the Local's grievance.*
- 2) **New Chief Search & Hiring**  
*After a unanimous vote from all of the Commissioners, it was announced that Commissioner Werner and Commissioner Kadow would be assigned to work on the New Chief Search & Hiring committee to aid the process along.*

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) **PSORT Bill**  
*This was address in the Chief's report.*
- 2) **CCN MOU**  
*Chief Vellias presented that the MOU is not a contract, but a bridge to allow the District use of the Sound Transit (CCN) system, even though terms have not been agreed upon. The cost will be \$360 per radio, per year for connectivity. Total cost for 82 SPFR radio's = \$29,520 and \$8,600 for 24 radio's for the Town of Eatonville.*
- 3) **YTD Revenue**  
*Chief Vellias announced that the District is seeing improvements in Revenues, specifically Ambulance Service, Fire Protection Contracts, and Taxes. The only area not reflecting an*

*increase is Rent/Misc Income due to an insurance claim from 2015. Total difference in net revenue from this time last year and now = \$353,687.*

**4) Pierce County Fire Commissioners Meeting Update**

*Commissioner Kadow announced that the \$500 scholarship mentioned at the last regular meeting was awarded to Camp Blaze. It was also shared that if every page of District business is not released, there is a \$100 fine per page. Both Commissioners Kadow and Werner agreed that the Medic One presentation was very nice and that the other Districts were happy to see South Pierce represented at the meeting. The commissioners invited the public to attend the next meeting in Buckley.*

**5) Commissioner Kadow - Eatonville Contract Negotiations**

*Commissioner Kadow wanted to bring to the attention of the other Board members that the Eatonville contract needs to be remembered through the new chief search and retirement of Chief Vellias, in order to maintain contract terms and seek out negotiable changes when needed.*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Commissioner Kadow requested a 10 minute executive session under RCW 42.30.140 Collective bargaining sessions with employee organizations, including contract negotiations, grievance meetings, and discussions relating to the interpretation or application of a labor agreement; or... that portion of a meeting during which the governing body is planning or adopting the strategy or position to be taken by the governing body during the course of any collective bargaining, professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings, or reviewing the proposals made in the negotiations or proceedings while in progress.

Commissioner Dan Morris called for a 10 minutes executive session at 8:00 pm. At 8:10 pm the executive sessions was extended another 5 minutes. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:15 pm.

*Commissioner Morris announced that there would be no action taken.*

**Good of the Order:**

Commissioner Kadow announced it was good hearing all the calls.

Commissioner Werner announced she had no comments.

Commissioner Sebastian announced he had no comments.

Commissioner Christian announced he was ready to get the new chief hiring under way.

Commissioner Morris announced he had no comments.

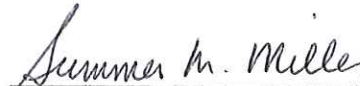
**ADJOURNMENT:** *On a motion made by Commissioner Werner and seconded by Commissioner Kadow, the regular meeting for the Board of Fire Commissioners for South Pierce Fire and Rescue District 17 adjourned at 8:16pm.*



Chairman Dan Morris

6/20/16

Date



ATTEST: Summer Miller

District Secretary

6/20/16

Date