



**PIERCE COUNTY  
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No.17**

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

**July 18, 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. Commissioner Werner 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:**

1. Minutes – Regular Meeting on June 20, 2016
2. Accounts Payable Vouchers for July: #3754 - #3803 in the amount - \$58,304.90
3. Payroll Vouchers for July: #3804 - #3826 for the amount - \$286,281.69
4. Total Payroll and Vouchers - \$344,586.59
5. Budget vs. Actual

*On a motion made by Commissioner Christian and seconded by Commissioner Kadow the July 18, 2016 “Consent Agenda” was unanimously approved.*

**Local 726:** None.

**Cadets:** None.

**Public Comment:** Jay Adams, a concerned citizen, spoke regarding the status of the American flag in front of Station 171 in Roy. Mr. Adams requested that the department be more diligent to ensure the flag is raised and lowered to half-staff as dictated by the State and Federal government. Mr. Adams expressed concern that the main road in front of Station 171 is heavily traveled by military service members and the flag hung incorrectly could be misconstrued as disrespectful towards those serving in the United States military.

Chief Vellias and Commissioner Werner assured Mr. Adams that a system would be put in place to ensure that the flag is properly displayed at all stations.

**Correspondence:**

- 1) Thank you note for bicycle helmet – Roy Elementary
- 2) Chaplain’s monthly report (May 2016)
- 3) Copy of Nisqually Valley Voices (7/1/2016)
- 4) Notes to Financial Statement (Annual Report)

**CHIEFS' REPORT:**

Monthly Call Report ----- 2016 2015

**Total Calls This Month:** 239 225  
**Year-To-Date Calls:** 1423 1155

- **EMS Levy update:** Signs were distributed, fliers and ballots have been delivered. Barry Wilcox has a write up on the EMS Levy in the Nisqually Valley News. In the event the EMS levy does not pass, the Board must sign tonight's resolution in order to make the time deadline to be on the November ballot.
- **New Chief hiring update:** The interview process was held on Friday, July 15, 2016 at Central Pierce Fire and Rescue's Station 71 in Puyallup. There were seven on the administrative panel and six members on the stakeholder's panel. One candidate interviewed well enough to move on to the background check.
- **Temporary FF/EMT Chris Michaels:** Volunteer Chris Michaels agreed to a temporary FF/EMT career position and began pulling shift on July 6<sup>th</sup>. His addition will bring staffing numbers up to 24 members (eight per shift). It is projected that overtime will reduce from twenty OT shifts in June to eight in July.
- **DC & AC reports:**
  - DC Grant accepted a training position with Clark County. His last official day is July 30<sup>th</sup>. He will be on vacation until then. The District would like to wish Chief Grant the best in his upcoming position and to thank him for his dedication, leadership, and invaluable skills he provided to South Pierce.
  - AC Turner was excused from the meeting. His report was submitted in printed format (and is attached).
  - AC Yount reported the Interlocal agreement signed by the Board at the June meeting has not been signed by District 23 Board members. It has been reported that the District 23 Board Members refuse to sign the agreement; as a result mutual aid will be discontinued to District 23 on August 1<sup>st</sup> if the Interlocal remains unsigned. If District 23 decides to sign the Interlocal at a future date, then SPFR will reconsider mutual aid responses. Due to PILT funds, responses to Mount Rainier will not be affected. AC Yount also reported that the Medic One plan is still in progress with no new information to report.
- **Preliminary A/V (assessed valuation) reports:** Pierce County Assessor Treasurer reports show a 7.7% increase in A/V. Increases are showing in all areas, including the Town of Eatonville. It does not appear that the District will hit its highest lawful next year.
- **BVFF update:** No update.
- **Community and District events:** The Town of Eatonville's fireworks show on July 3<sup>rd</sup> had about 3,000 - 5,000 spectators. The parade on the 4<sup>th</sup> was also well attended. Special thanks to Volunteer FF Crawford, Chaplain Dorothy and the CERT team for their help during this event. The number of dispatches for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July was relatively light, including only one firework call. There were, however, three structure fires three days in a row. The Lacamas Fair is scheduled August 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>.
- **Additional information:** Medic unit 170 was involved in a T-bone accident with the other driver cited for failure to yield.

**Unfinished Business:**

- 1) **O.I. 204 Support Service Volunteer**  
*On a motion made by Commissioner Kadow and seconded by Commissioner Werner, O.I. 204 Support Service Volunteer was unanimously approved.*
- 2) **O.I. 237 Overtime**  
*After some discussion it was decided to postpone action on O.I. 237 Overtime.*

**New Business:**

- 1) **Resolution 16-008 November EMS Levy**  
*On a motion made by Commissioner Werner, and seconded by Commissioner Kadow, Resolution 16-008 November EMS Levy was unanimously approved.*
- 2) **Pierce County Fire Commissioners Meeting Update**  
*Commissioner Kadow reported on the Commissioners meeting held in Central Pierce.*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**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 20 minute executive session at 7:40 pm. At 8:00 pm the executive session was extended for another 15 minutes until 8:15 pm. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:15 pm.

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

**Good of the Order:**

Commissioner Kadow wished DC Grant good luck in the future.  
Commissioner Sebastian thanked Commissioner Kadow, Commissioner Werner, Commissioner Christian, FC Vellias, and DS Miller for attending the Chief interviews.  
Commissioner Werner wished DC Grant the best and thanked him for all his hard work for the District.  
Commissioner Morris stated he was happy for DC Grant and wished him good luck.  
Commissioner Christian also wished DC Grant all the best and thanked him for his work for the District.

**ADJOURNMENT:** *On a motion made by Commissioner Werner and seconded by Commissioner Christian, the regular meeting for the Board of Fire Commissioners for South Pierce Fire and Rescue District 17 adjourned at 8:19pm.*

  
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Chairman Dan Morris

8/15/16  
Date

  
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ATTEST: Summer Miller  
District Secretary

8/15/16  
Date