

YAKIMA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 4
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
June 9th, 2020

The meeting convened at 3:00 pm at East Valley Fire Station 40. Those present were Commissioner Les Riel, Captain Keith Schrank, Captain Ryan Evers, Captain Andy Babcock, Lt. Nick Henle, FF Andrienas, FF Robillard, Admin Director Jenifer Huitt and Admin Asst Christy Olson. Those present via Zoom were: Commissioner David Ramynke, Commissioner Ben St. Mary, Fire Chief Mark Emery.

Commissioner Ramynke called the meeting to order and Commissioner Riel conducted the pledge of allegiance.

STATION 42 STAFFING OPTIONS

Objective: work together and share ideas to create multiple staffing options for Station 42. This is the second meeting. We do not expect to have the solution or plan completed at this meeting.

- a. Reviewed comments submitted from individual members, compiled by AD Huitt.
- b. Reviewed possible budgetary impacts of the different staffing options that involve hiring of any type. The most expensive option being the hiring of 3 additional Career Firefighters for an added cost of about \$300k per year, the more affordable option of hiring 1 additional Career FF (for a day shift) at a cost of about \$100k/year, and the least costly option would be the hiring of 3 Seasonal/Temporary FFs (one at a time, for 4 months each) for about \$42k.
- c. Reviewed the issues and suggestions brought up at the 6/2/2020 drill night
The PTP members asked what the rules will be for shift signups in regard to newly revised Policy 1645.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

The Board and staff discussed that the Standard of Care (requiring FF1, EMT & Hazmat certifications) in Policy 1645, which the Chief is working toward completing, will apply to both Career and PTP/Volunteer staff alike. The Board confirmed that our next Fire Chief will be more Operational, instead of strictly administrative. The Board agreed they would like a position reopened on NTN if we need to staff Station 42 with a career position which could be day shift or 48/96. The Board agreed that options 4, 6, & 9 all seemed the most viable and would like the new Fire Chief's opinion on staffing.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business Chairman Ramynke adjourned the meeting at 3:55 pm.


Chairman David Ramynke 9.29.20


Vice-Chairman Ben St. Mary 9.29.20

ATTEST:


Commissioner Les Riel 9.15.2020


District Secretary Jenifer S Huitt 9.14.2020

Approved unanimously on 9/14/2020
via Open Public Meeting on Zoom.
Signatures will be secured after
Proclamation 20-28 has been lifted.