

**YAKIMA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 4
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
December 26, 2018**

The meeting convened at 4:00 pm at East Valley Fire Station 40. Those present were Commissioner Les Riel, Commissioner David Ramynke, Commissioner St. Mary, Fire Chief Mark Emery, and District Secretary Jenifer Huitt. Others present were SC Schrank, FF Erickson, PFF Riley, and PFF Enger.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as amended and the meeting continued.

LIMITED OPEN PUBLIC INPUT FOR ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA – Public comment for items that are on the agenda are allowed as the item comes up for discussion during the meeting. Please stand and be recognized by the Chair and limit your comments to three minutes.

Chairman Riel noted no one stood to speak and the meeting continued.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Huitt provided the Winter Newsletter to the Commissioners and one article from the Fire Chief is needed for completion.

PREVIOUS MINUTES - None

CLAIMS REQUEST APPROVAL

- a. Claims Request Fire \$31,106.01 – Approved
- b. Claims Request EMS \$3,093.59 - Approved

Vice Chair Ramynke made a motion to approve the Claims Request in the amount of \$34,199.60. Seconded and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Cascade Natural Gas Notice of Proposed Rate Increase of 19.65% effective 1-1-2019.

In October it was proposed that the rates decrease by 10% and now they are increasing the rates so it will cost us about \$1560 more annually.

- b. Thank you from East Valley Elementary School
To the East Valley Firefighters Association for sponsoring a family this Christmas.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Logistics Meeting date set for January 7th at 3:00 pm regarding the Station 42 remodel.
- b. Review VFIS Commercial Insurance Package Proposal

After discussion Commissioner St. Mary made a motion to approve the VFIS Commercial Insurance Package Proposal as submitted for \$28,605 for 2019. Seconded and carried.

NEW BUSINESS - None

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT - None

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CHIEF'S BRIEF – Attached

Chairman Riel requested a conference call be set up with Brian Snure when BVFF comes in February to review the information regarding Volunteers, and we will have an executive session. The board would also like the new hourly wages for the volunteers to take effect on January 1st, 2019.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Fire District 1 has a new Fire Chief Rick Woodall beginning in January.

SIGNING OF DISTRICT DOCUMENTS

The documents were presented to the Board for their signature.

GENERAL DISCUSSION – Limited between Board and Staff – NO PUBLIC INPUT

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – Monday, January 14th, 2019 at 4:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Ramynke made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded and carried. There being no other business Chairman Riel adjourned the meeting at 4:26 pm.

excused absence

Chairman Les Riel



Vice-Chairman David Ramynke



Commissioner Ben St. Mary

Attest:



District Secretary Jenifer S Huitt

FIRE CHIEF BRIEF

ACTIVITY SNAPSHOT

26 December 2018

NO SMOKE INSTALLATIONS: Completed 12 December.

NEW FIRE DISTRICT 1 FIRE CHIEF: BC Woodall has accepted the Fire District 1 part-time Fire Chief position. Last Tuesday he attended his last EVFD drill. His official start-date is in early January. Woodall will continue his job as a career Battalion Chief at Hanford. The Volunteer Battalion Chief position will be formally retired at a future Volunteer Drill or at a Commissioner Meeting.

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS: The evaluation of all personnel is in progress, career and volunteer.

DRAFT FOR REVIEW: *Training & Compliance Director* Position Description.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING: Next session 07 January.

YFD PARTNERSHIP MEETING 11 December, 1500 hours at Station 91. YFD interested in future mutually beneficial partnerships (functional consolidations/contracts such as Community Risk Reduction and Training).

2018 YTD RESPONSE COUNT: Currently at 1,357 responses, 102 ahead of YTD 2017.

EVFD MATTERS: New internal quarterly newsletter; purpose is to keep personnel up-to-date, share internal and external training opportunities, organizational announcements, changes, resources, education, etc.



