

YAKIMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 4
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
July 26th, 2021

The meeting convened at 4:00 pm at East Valley Fire Station 40. Those present via Zoom were Commissioner David Ramynke and Lt Erickson, and; at Station 40 were Commissioner Les Riel, Commissioner Ben St. Mary, Fire Chief Dale Hille and District Secretary Katelynn Hogan. Admin Director Jenifer Huitt had an excused absence.

Chairman Riel called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as amended. Seconded and carried.

LIMITED OPEN PUBLIC INPUT for items NOT on the Agenda – Public comment for items that are on the agenda are allowed as the item comes up for discussion during the meeting.

Chairman Ramynke noted no public attended the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

a. **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

- Fund Balance as of June 30th, 2021
- 2021 2nd Quarter Taxes \$17,395.06
- WFCA Washington Fire Administrative Support Conference – Oct. 4th – 6th 2021

b. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- July 12th, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

c. **CLAIMS REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL**

Claims Requests Fire	\$ 8,226.87
Claims Requests EMS	\$ <u>23,176.26</u>
Total Claims	\$ 31,321.08

d. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Snure Law Washington State Long Term Care Act - Guidance

e. **CHIEF'S REPORT** - None

Commissioner Riel made a motion to approve the consent agenda items a-e as submitted. Seconded and carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

FC Hille had a meeting with Rick Peterson the head of Volterra, Tua Vang head planner for the county, and John Sitkin the attorney. Between meeting with all of these people FC Hille thinks Volterra has a long way to go. FC Hille stated Mr. Peterson would like to break ground in 2022 but, Tua Vang doesn't believe that will happen due to the fact that they aren't even in SEPA yet. FC Hille stated John Sitkin is going to join the Board of Commissioners Regular meeting on August 9th via Zoom to discuss what are we looking to ask of Rick Peterson because of this project. FC Hille gave a few examples on what we could ask of Mr. Peterson through out the SEPA process for the Volterra project which is why John Sitkin is going to attend the next regular Commissioners meeting via zoom. Per FC Hille John Sitkin is going to draft the SEPA letter to address the concerns that the Fire District has. FC Hille also stated that he met with the county Fire Marshall who is on board to not approve anything that is against code in the Volterra project. Commissioner Riel stated that the district isn't anti-future development he just wants to make sure everything is safe and that our district can still provide the same level of service in that area as we do everywhere else.

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NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Riel stated the Drafted Policies were tabled till the next Regular BOC meeting for further review.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Riel stated we have conferences coming up, registrations are ready to go. Stated his registration is already sent by the WFCOA Board. Commissioner Riel stated we need to make sure we get everyone else's room booked. Commissioner Riel stated he is attending all classes and will be there Thursday through Saturday. Wednesday Morning Commissioner Riel has a WFCOA Board meeting. Thursday, Commissioner Riel has a WFCOA Board Committee Dinner. Commissioner Ramynke stated Snure Law usually has a law update one night. Commissioner Riel stated its Wednesday night from 6-9 p.m. Wednesday afternoon there is a legal round table meeting which would be a good time to get free legal advice and ask any unanswered questions the district may have.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Promotion of Volunteer Probationary Firefighter Mathew Strunk to Firefighter/EMT effective July 15th

FC Hille announced Probationary Firefighter Mathew Strunk was a FF down in Union Gap and was involved in Search and Rescue for a while and quickly finished his task book. He is a Science Teacher down in Wapato and he is ready to come off of probation.

FC Hille stated that he has some Hop Festival staffing, not as much as he'd like but there will be a crew down there at all the times. The responding crew can also rotate back and forth. FC Hille stated that he will attend the Hop Fest off and on but he has a car show to attend Saturday night for a while. Commissioner Riel asked if the Fire Prevention group is going to do anything at the Hop Festival. FC Hille stated he was unsure if Captain Schrank hasn't said anything yet.

FC Hille stated Yakima City Fire Chief Markham spoke with one of the city council members on the districts behalf, to find out what their thoughts are about the annexation rumor of Terrace Heights. The council member responded stating that annexation of Terrace Heights was on the table a long time ago but we have pulled it off. FC Hille stated he didn't think the district would see anything about annexation anytime soon until it gets closer to completion if we see ever see anything on it. FC Hille reiterated that the district has to remember that this has to be a vote of the people. FC Hille stated that the crew and himself attended a Retirement community group meeting the other day and it seemed to him that they wouldn't want Yakima City to respond to their emergency calls in any circumstances.

FC Hille mentioned that the National testing network is in process right now and will be closing the middle of September so we can get our list made.

FC Hille informed that the District Picnic has been talked about doing it on August 31st because its an open drill night. FC Hille would like to pin people who have or are coming off of probation at that time to honor them. FC Hille informed the board that the district has been offered by Mike Kay from the Spirit Alive Church who also runs Camp Hope, to host our annual picnic. That way we don't have to have any of our members cook or prepare the food, they can just come and enjoy themselves. Mike Kay stated they wanted to do something for the community and handle everything per FC Hille. Commissioner Ramynke asked FC Hille to reach out to a few Volunteers to see if they couldn't come up with a consensus together and that the board would support either option, the catering or the traditional picnic. Commissioner Riel stated it would be nice to not have our guys worry about cooking or about having the appropriate permits.

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FC Hille stated the Training Center let us borrow their helicopter for Aircraft support and Firefighting training even though we don't have an airport in our area it's still required, and is a great resource. FC Hille informed we only had to buy the propane which all American propane gave to us for free.

FC Hille stated we have people coming in to do bids for paint for the entire station and bids from Poppoff for concrete work from the pad to the back east side where the black top is deteriorating from washing the apparatus which was around \$30,000. FC Hille stated the Concrete has to be eight inches thick with rebar so it's a bad deal.

FC Hille stated that he contacted Fire Training Structures to see how much a training center went up in cost. They stated it increased by 35% so if we ordered 6 months ago, we would have saved \$240,000. Commissioner Riel directed FC Hille to keep looking for grants. FC Hille informed the board that he asked Pattie Murry the other day if she knew of any since she is really into finding grants for things. She stated she would keep looking for him. Commissioner Riel asked FC Hille to get some of the other attorney offices who can't represent us to look for grants for us.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

- COVID-19 Updated Meeting/Training Room Usage Form

The Board expressed approval for the updated version of the Meeting/training Room Usage Form.

SIGNING OF DISTRICT DOCUMENTS

The documents will be held for signature at a later date due to OPMA restrictions for those who attended via zoom.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – Monday, August 09th 2021 at 4:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Riel made a motion to adjourn. There being no other business Chairman Ramynke adjourned the meeting at 4:27 pm.



Chairman David Ramynke



Commissioner Les Riel



Vice-Chairman Ben St. Mary

Attest:



District Secretary Katelynn M Hogan