

**YAKIMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 4  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
December 28th, 2020**

The meeting convened at 4:02 pm at East Valley Fire Station 40. Those present via Zoom were Commissioner David Ramynke, Commissioner Ben St. Mary, and Commissioner Les Riel. Those present at Station 40 were Chief Dale Hille, Captain Keith Schrank, Admin Director Jenifer Huitt, and Admin Assistant Katelynn Hogan.

Chairman Ramynke called the meeting to order.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as circulated and the meeting continued.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**a. SECRETARY'S REPORT**

- Century Link increasing rates by \$4 per line, total of \$240 per year.

**b. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES – None**

**c. CLAIMS REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL**

Claims Requests Fire	\$ 21,114.36
Claims Requests EMS	<u>\$ 5,379.91</u>
<b>Total Claims</b>	<b>\$26,494.27</b>

**d. CORRESPONDENCE**

- Christmas Card from Retired Chief Emery

**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**

**a. Review Policy 1645**

All board agreed this was a 'working document' no further questions. Vice-Chair St. Mary noted we need to look for ways to motivate the Volunteers. Commissioner Riel made a motion to adopt Policy 1645 as submitted. Seconded and carried.

**NEW BUSINESS - None**

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT- None**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- FF Collyn Stafford released from probation
- 10 Staff members have agreed to get the Covid19 vaccine when it becomes available.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION – Limited between the Board and Staff only – NO PUBLIC INPUT**

- Chairman Ramynke is working on getting a meeting set for next year for the Communications Committee. There has been no activity since February of 2018, still hearing clicking noises on the repeaters, and there is no transparency on issues.
- Discussed the Annual Banquet and looking at moving it to the summer with the Safety BBQ.
- Chief met the new Union President John Shahan and outgoing President Nick Sloan.
- Chief Hille will look into the hiring consultant for the union negotiations in January and talks should begin by summer.

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- Chief will make contact with the rest of Yakima County on getting a Chaplain training program organized.
- After discussion the board agreed to have Chief list the rescue vehicles with Brindlee Mountain if we do not have any potential buyers.
- Chief is looking at a first aid CPR program that West Valley uses and neighboring stations may be willing to help update what we use currently.

**SIGNING OF DISTRICT DOCUMENTS**

The documents were presented to the Board for their signature.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING** – Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 4:00 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business Chairman Ramynke adjourned the meeting at 4:40 pm.

  
Chairman David Ramynke

  
Commissioner Les Riel

Attest:

  
Vice-Chairman Ben St. Mary

  
District Secretary Jenifer S Huitt