

Spokane County Fire Protection District 8

MINUTES

Regular Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting

Station 82

April 13, 2010

6:00 p.m. Draft

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order by Chair Hesse at 6:00 p.m. In Attendance: Commissioner Lee Boling, Commissioner Gregory Hesse, Commissioner Dennis Ross, Chief William Walkup, Chief Tony Nielsen, Chief Lonnie Rash, Administrative Assistant, Carol Trescott, members of the District, and members of the public.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

- Add Executive Session for matters relating to current labor negotiations.

Motion made by Commissioner Ross, and seconded by Commissioner Boling:
The meeting Agenda is approved as amended. The motion carried unanimously

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Commissioner Boling and seconded by Commissioner Ross:
The Consent Agenda is approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Bond Refinancing Options – Jeff Nave, Foster Pepper PLLC, shared information and answered questions from the commissioners regarding a possible refinance of the District's voter-approved bond. Mr. Nave outlined Current and Advance refinancing options, the associated costs to the District, and the potential dollar savings to the citizens of District 8.

The commissioners directed Chief Walkup to partner with Jeff Nave and develop questions in order to evaluate investment firms in the event the Board elects to proceed with a bond refinance.

NEW BUSINESS

A. AmeriCorps Grant SVFD – Chief Thompson, Spokane Valley Fire, contacted Chief Walkup with a proposal to jointly share the services of an individual from AmeriCorps to work on special projects for the two agencies. This person could update the District's community risk reduction program, which would serve an educational piece for area homeowners and portray a picture for the District of where the community is at risk.

The Board favored the District's participation in the AmeriCorps grant program.

B. Surplus Register – The Board reviewed items as identified by staff to be obsolete or no longer of use to the District.

Motion made by Commissioner Hesse, and seconded by Commissioner Boling:

To adopt Resolution 10-01 authorizing the Fire Chief to dispose of equipment and property deemed surplus to the District's needs in accordance with law. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE REPORT: Chief Walkup

A. ASB presentation feedback – The City of Spokane chose not extend the Interlocal Ambulance Service Agreement and therefore will not be a participant in the county-wide agreement. The ASB will meet with AMR on 04/15/10 for further negotiations.

B. Leadership seminar feedback – The Board agreed that the NW Leadership Seminar continues to be of value and they each shared favorable comments regarding the sessions in Portland last March. The commissioners said they welcome the opportunity to network with representatives from other agencies and expressed the desire that information received at such events be shared with other members of the District.

C. Recognition event feedback – The Board shared positive comments regarding the location, menu, and program associated with the District’s recognition event in March. The Mayor of Spokane Valley and his wife sent a thank you note for being included in the evening.

D. Commissioner Ross Orientation – Reminder for staff to schedule an orientation with Commissioner Ross.

CORRESPONDENCE

Attached

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Boling asked for an excused absence at the next regular meeting on May 11th. He will be out of the area but possibly available by phone.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered into Executive Session at 6:55 pm for matters of contract negotiations with Local 3711. Chief Rash was asked to attend.

The meeting reconvened at 7:20 p.m. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Gregory A. Hesse, Chair
Fire District 8 Commissioner

ATTEST:

William A. Walkup
District Secretary