

Spokane County Fire Protection District 8 MINUTES

Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting

Station 82
March 10, 2020
6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chair Greg Hesse. In Attendance: Commissioner Andy Rorie, Commissioner Lee Boling, Commissioner Greg Hesse, Fire Chief Tony Nielsen, Assistant Chief Lonnie Rash, District Secretary Carol Trescott, members of District and members of the community.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A Motion was made by Commissioner Boling and seconded by Commissioner Rorie: **Move to approve the Agenda as presented.** The Motion carried unanimously

In follow up to the February regular meeting, Commissioner Boling stated meeting minutes may be included an as Consent Agenda item per legal counsel, Brian Snure.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

A Motion was made by Commissioner Boling and seconded by Commissioner Rorie: **Move to approve the Consent Agenda as written.** The Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Part-time Firefighter Swearing-in Ceremony: Chief Nielsen administered the Oath of Office to Firefighter/EMTs Ethan Dreves, Hunter Newmiller, Jennifer Raudebaugh, and Jacob Smith. Each new member received a District challenge coin was pinned by a member of their family or by the Fire Chief.

Dreves, Newmiller, Raudebaugh, and Smith then presented the District with a hand-crafted plaque.

B. Policies/Procedures Review: Chief Nielsen provided the Board with a batch of 18 procedures as reviewed and/or updated by the Policy and Procedures Committee in 2019. The Chief said he also received one comment relative to the Vehicle Accident procedure. The commenter felt text stating a member may be asked to submit to a urine/drug test is in contradiction to the Use of Drugs and Alcohol Procedure; they offered a potential solution rewording the text to read a member may be asked to submit to a drug test per 10.04.07, Use of Drugs and Alcohol Procedure.

Commissioner Boling stated if law enforcement is involved in the initial accident reporting process the incident will be recorded as operating a vehicle for department business and would not reflect on a member's driving record or affect their personal insurance.

The commissioner had no further comments; Chief Nielsen will post all 18 procedures for a 30-day comment period.

C. Professional Service Agreement: Grant Writer: Chief Nielsen stated the District has had limited success securing FEMA Assistance to Firefighters grants. In effort to improve those results staff engaged offline with professional grant writer, Michelle Mazzola. Ms. Mazzola recommended the District submit a grant for brush trucks; she has learned that type of equipment has moved up in grant award priority. Chief Rash is writing the District's current grant application and will submit it by the end of the week.

Chief Nielsen said he would like to engage Ms. Mazzola's expertise for the second period of the grant opening in an effort to replace the District's aging SCBAs. Chief Nielsen asked the Board to consider a \$7,500 professional service agreement with Michelle Mazzola.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Boling and seconded by Commissioner Rorie: **Move to authorize the Fire Chief to sign a professional services agreement with Resources Solutions LLC.** The Motion carried unanimously

D. Surplus Equipment: Staff has identified several items that are no longer of need or use to the District and Chief Nielsen requested that the Board authorize those items be disposed of as permitted by law. He presented the Board with a Surplus Equipment List and Resolution 20-01, Authorizing the Sale of Public Property Under Chapter 39.33 RCW.

Chief Nielsen noted the 1992 LaVerne pumper (old E87) is listed at \$25,000 or best offer. The 1998 Freightliner (old E86) is listed with a value to-be-determined.

Chief Rash reported staff contacted several apparatus sales vendors in order to determine the fair market value of the equipment. The oil pump is out on the Freightliner and the cost to repair the apparatus to running condition is \$3,800. Apparatus vendors will only evaluate the engine if it is in working order.

Chief Nielsen asked the Board if they wish to sell the Freightliner "as is", or invest \$3,800 to repair the engine to working order. The commissioners chose to initially list the apparatus for sale as is.

Commissioner Boling asked how the items on the surplus list are disposed of. In response, Chief Nielsen said the equipment is taken to an auction house for sale.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Rorie and seconded by Commissioner Boling: **Move to adopt Resolution 20-01 as written.** The Motion carried unanimously

E. SCBA Technician Memorandum of Understanding: IAFF Local 3711: Chief Nielsen said there is a placeholder in the 2020 budget for SCBA Technician premium pay. Staff and Local 3711 have come to an agreement which includes an 8% premium pay added to the base salary of top-step Firefighter. The economic 2020 impact of the agreement is estimated at \$5,753. The MOU also calls for retroactive pay for Lt. Cress from October, 2019 when MOU discussions began. Chief Nielsen said Lt. Cress has been doing the work since January, 2019.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Boling and seconded by Commissioner Rorie: **Move to approve the SCBA Technician MOU with IAFF Local 3711 as written, including retro pay.** The Motion carried unanimously

EXECUTIVE REPORT: Chief Nielsen

A. Spring Newsletter: The Board received a copy of the draft spring newsletter. Chief Nielsen if no changes are needed, Chief Long will move forward with printing and mailing.

B. Station 85 Avista Claim: Avista has denied the District’s claim for the power surge damages at Station 85. A claim was subsequently submitted to the District’s insurance carrier and has been paid, minus the deductible. The insurance carrier will pursue reimbursement from Avista through litigation. The total costs for the damages at Station 85 was approximately \$17,700.

C. Station 82 Backup Generator: Chief Rash reported the generator changeover will take place next Monday morning. The work will necessitate a four to six hour power outage Station 82 after which the project should be complete.

D. Awards Banquet Survey Results: Chief Nielsen presented the Board with results from the recent awards banquet survey. He felt members offered good feedback and comments regarding the event. Staff has looked at several other venues to hold this year’s banquet; discussion followed on available options. A decision was made to hold the 2020 awards banquet at CenterPlace. The Commissioners thanked all who were involved in planning the 2019 awards banquet.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Attached

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- CPR Save Ceremony
- Resolution and information for an August Lid Lift

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Spokane County Fire Commissioners Association is Thursday, March 12th, at District 4. A presentation will be given on cyber security

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Hesse adjourned the regular meeting at 6:33 pm.

Gregory A. Hesse, Chair
Fire District 8 Commissioner

ATTEST:

Carol L. Trescott, District Secretary