

**Spokane County Fire Protection District 8
Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting**



MINUTES

August 9, 2022, 6:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was held at Station 82 and on Zoom. Chair Lee Boling called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. In Attendance: Commissioner Greg Hesse, Commissioner Lee Boling, Fire Chief Lonnie Rash, Assistant Chief Chris Wyrobek, District Secretary Carol Trescott, members of the District and members of the community. Commissioner Andy Rorie attended via phone.

INTRODUCTIONS & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Add: Executive Report, F., Valley Firefighter Memorial Service

A motion was made by Commissioner Hesse and seconded by Commissioner Rorie:
Move to approve the Agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

The following warrants and electronic transfers were approved for payment:

- Warrant Numbers 1141456 through 114205 totaling \$209,591.33
- Electronic Transfers 07/01/2022 – 07/31/2022 totaling \$459,087.37

A motion was made by Commissioner Hesse and seconded by Commissioner Rorie:
Move to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Maintenance and Operations Levy Information: Chief Rash provided the Board with information for their consideration in placing a Maintenance and Operations (M&O) Levy on the ballot in 2023. The current M&O levy will generate \$1.9 million in 2023 and will expire at the end of that year. The Chief said if the Board chooses to renew the levy it will need to be placed on the ballot next year for collection in 2024. If that M&O is approved by voters, it could generate approximately \$2.7 in revenue in 2024. He also provided the commissioners with 2023 filing deadline dates.

Chief Rash has reached out to local school districts and Valley Fire to see if and when they will be running measures next year.

The Board asked for additional information and that further discussion take place during the September 20th Capital Replacement workshop.

EXECUTIVE REPORT: Chief Rash

A. Washington State Fire Recruit Academy Graduation: Four District 8 members were a part of the 2022-2 Washington Fire Academy recruit class and graduated during a recent ceremony in Bellevue. Chief Rash thanked the Board for their support and Commissioner Boling for attending the graduation.

District recruits graduated as class Valedictorian, and with top Engine Company, and top Ladder Company awards. They will now complete their probationary year in a regimented program and will rotate through each station. The four new members will be recognized at the September Board of Fire Commissioners meeting.

Chief Rash also recognized Lt. Brad Mertens for serving as a Recruit Academy Instructor.

B. State of City of Spokane Valley Address: On July 27th, Chief Rash attended the State of the City of Spokane Valley Address hosted by the Chamber of Commerce. The event was attended by a number of local officials and the Chief will ask the Board if they would like to attend future such events.

C. Station 85 Renovation: Chief Rash reported an architect has begun preliminary work for Station 84 and draft renovations for Station 85 as budgeted for in 2022. In addition, the architect is also looking at the feasibility of using one of the storage facilities as a shop as requested by the Board. The Chief said some of the costs are showing nearly double digit increases from original estimates.

D. New Equipment and Apparatus Update: The District has taken receipt of 52 new SCBAs; they will be in service early next year. The Research & Development (R&D) committee reviewed and scored three different brands of SCBA prior to the selection and purchase.

In addition, the R&D committee is studying eDRAULIC extrication equipment and will be submitting their recommendation for purchase.

The apparatus committee is reviewing previous engine specifications for the replacement of E84. Apparatus cost estimates also reflect double-digit increases in that industry.

E. Commissioner Apparel: Chief Rash asked the commissioners if they would like any specific apparel for more formal events or if they had any other District uniform requests. He will send the commissioners apparel options.

F. Valley Firefighter Memorial Service: District 8 personnel will provide station coverage for Valley Fire during a memorial service for their fallen firefighter. The

service will be Wednesday, 1:00 pm, at Calvary Chapel in Mead. Chief Rash will be in attendance representing the Washington Fire Chiefs.

OPERATIONS REPORT: Chief WYROBEK

A. Chief WYROBEK reported District personnel assisted District 3 at the Williams Lake fire last week. They were assigned structure protection on initial attack and were able to limit damage to a couple of outbuildings, however, no primary homes were lost. He said District personnel did a great job.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A. April DIFFENBACHER email
- B. Bobbi National Night Out email thank you

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. Commissioner BOLING said retired volunteer member, Bob TWEEDY passed away; his memorial service was last Saturday.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:27 pm, Commissioner BOLING recessed the regular meeting to Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110 1(c), to consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of decreased price; and, per RCW 42.30.140 (4)(b), that portion of a meeting during which the governing body is planning or adopting the strategy or position to be taken by the governing body during the course of any collective bargaining, professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings, or reviewing the proposal made in the negotiations or proceedings while in progress. Commissioner BOLING stated the regular meeting will resume at 6:45 pm. No decision will be made in Executive Session.

At 6:45 pm, Commissioner BOLING called the regular meeting back in session. No decision were made in Executive Session

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Probationary Firefighters Oath

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:45 pm Commissioner BOLING adjourned the regular meeting.

Lee C. Boling, Chair
Fire District 8 Commissioner

ATTEST:

Carol L. Trescott, District Secretary