

**Spokane County Fire Protection District 8**  
**MINUTES**  
**Station 82 and on Zoom**  
**Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting**

November 9, 2021, 6:00 pm

**CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 6:18pm by Chair Greg Hesse. In Attendance: Commissioner Lee Boling, Commissioner Greg Hesse, Commissioner Andy Rorie via Zoom, Fire Chief Lonnie Rash, Assistant Chief Chris Wyrobek, District Secretary Carol Trescott and members of the District.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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A Motion was made by Commissioner Rorie and seconded by Commissioner Boling: **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 113478 through 113548 totaling \$310,661.95
- Electronic Transfers 10/01/2021 – 10/31/2021 totaling \$376,913.90

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**

Tabled

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. 2022 Budget and Public Hearing:** At 6:22 pm, Commissioner Hesse opened the Public Hearing to receive comment on 2022 revenue projections.

Chief Rash shared the following process used for development of the 2022 budget: A budget workshop was held in October and a draft budget and staff recommendations were presented to the commissioners; a public hearing was set in and will be conducted in November to receive comments on revenue; the Board will be asked to adopt an increase in the EMS levy over the previous year; and, the commissioners will be asked to adopt the 2022 expense budget. Levy certifications and a balanced budget will be presented to the county before 11/30/2021.

Chief Rash said the District's current assessed value is \$4,353,578,770; this year's assessed value for new construction is \$87,013,200. Fire tax Revenue will produce \$6,527,284; revenue

from the EMS levy is estimated to be \$1,475,886; and, revenue from the M&O levy is set at \$1,810,486. The combined total revenue for EMS and Fire levies is \$132,087; however, because of the voter-approved fire levy lid lift the District is able to collect the highest lawful levy rate and no fire levy new construction can be collected in 2022. The district will realize \$32,811 in new construction revenue from the EMS levy. In addition, state assessed tax revenue will be \$4,712. The total 2022 new revenue is projected to be \$9,851,179.

Commissioner Hesse asked the public for comment regarding 2022 revenue projections. As no comments were received Commissioner Hesse closed the public hearing and the regular meeting resumed at 6:25 pm.

Chief Rash presented the 2022 budget overview which will include all contractual obligations, new FTEs, health and member safety support, fire prevention and education, capital projects, and general fund reserves per policy. The total 2022 general fund expense budget is \$10,229,159.

The General Fund Reserve 2022 beginning year balance is estimated to be \$767,324. With interest, a 10% increase in reserves per policy, and a \$45,000 contingency budget, the 2022 year end is projected to be \$956,955.

Chief Rash asked the Board of Fire Commissioners to consider approval of the 2022 balanced budget, approval of the 2022 contingency budget, and adoption of the resolution to increase the EMS levy over the previous year.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Boling and seconded by Commissioner Rorie: **Move to approve the 2022 balanced budget as presented.** The Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Boling and seconded by Commissioner Rorie: **Move to adopt the 2022 contingency budget as presented.** The Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Boling and seconded by Commissioner Rorie: **Move to adopt Resolution 21-09, Authorizing an Increase in the District's EMS Tax Levy From the Previous Year as presented.** The Motion carried unanimously.

## **EXECUTIVE REPORT**

Tabled

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Tabled

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Tabled

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 6:32 pm Commissioner Hesse called for a thirty minute Executive Session 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 negotiation or for proceedings while in progress.

Chief Rash, Chief Wyrobek, and Carol Trescott joined the commissioners in Executive Session.

At 7:00 pm Executive Session was extended for 20 minutes; at 7:20 pm Executive Session was extended for 15 minutes; at 7:35 pm Executive Session was extended for 10 minutes.

At 7:46 pm Commissioner Hesse called the regular meeting back in session. No decision were made in Executive Session.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. Recruit Swearing In Ceremony & Badge Pinning
- B. Commissioner Boling Oath of Office

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:48 pm Commissioner Hesse adjourned the regular meeting.

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Gregory A. Hesse, Chair  
Fire District 8 Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Carol L. Trescott, District Secretary