

**SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO 8  
Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting**



**MEETING MINUTES**

December 13, 2022, 6:00 pm

**CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS**

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

**INTRODUCTIONS / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jack Collins, Vice President of Local 3711, wished Commissioner Boling a speedy recovery and said they were there for him if he needed anything. He also expressed the Local's appreciation for the work being done on the grooming procedure and he looks forward to implementing changes. Collins said it was an honor work with the District on the lateral entry positions and looks forward to advancing this opportunity.

Commissioner Lee Boling thanked the crew who came to his house on December 7<sup>th</sup> to ensure that he got into his home safely. He also thanked them for educating him should a similar event ever happen and said he wouldn't hesitate to call them for assistance.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

The following warrants and electronic transfers were approved for payment:

- Warrant Numbers 114441 through 114513 totaling \$961,883.11
- Electronic Transfers 11/01/2022 – 11/30/2022 totaling \$424,169.56.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Resolution 22-07, Repurpose Construction Fund to Capital Improvement Fund:** Chief Rash said he has a desire to establish a separate fund in order to better account for and track capital improvement expenses. Capital funds are currently held in and disbursed from the General Expense Fund. The Spokane County Treasurer's

office said the current F21 Construction Fund could be reassigned as a Capital Improvement Fund if designated by Board Resolution.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hesse and seconded by Commissioner Boling: Move to adopt Resolution 22-07, Repurpose the Construction Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund. The motion carried unanimously.

**B. Resolution 22-08, Budget Amendment:** Chief Rash reported that \$361,269.82 from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) was received and credited to the F18 General Fund. At the time the 2022 budget was adopted, a timeline for receipt of the grant monies and the purchase and distribution of the equipment was unknown and so the current expense plan does not account for the AFG. Chief Rash stated a budget adjustment is needed in the 2022 budget and capital line item to account for the grant monies.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hesse and seconded by Commissioner Boling: Move to adopt Resolution 22-08, Budget Amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **EXECUTIVE REPORT** Chief Rash

**A. Baltimore Road Property:** Due to an unavoidable circumstance, the District's real estate attorney has been unavailable; however, he is now able to draft the documents necessary to forward in January with the process of selling the Baltimore Road property.

**B. M & O Timeline:** Chief Rash provided the commissioners with an email and timeline for sharing public information relative to the M & O levy. Levy information is posted on the District's website, and was published in the recent newsletter. Chief Rash said he has been contacted by individuals interested in participating with both "pro" and "con" committee statements. The Chief has met with one homeowners group and is scheduled to speak to several more. Public meeting are planned for January and February.

**C. Lateral Entry Firefighter Recruitment:** Two paramedics are leaving the District this month. Staff has had recent conversations with Local 3711 regarding lateral entry positions. The Chief will have a draft MOU to present to the commissioners in January for their review and consideration.

#### **OPERATIONS REPORT** Chief Wyrobek

None

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A.** WFCA / WFC Joint Legislative Day is Friday, February 17, 2023. An agenda for both commissioners and chiefs should be out soon.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. Governance Survey
- B. Position Descriptions

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Hesse and seconded by Commissioner Boling: Move to adjourn the regular meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

At 6:20 pm Commissioner Rorie adjourned the regular meeting.

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Lee C. Boling, Chair  
Fire District 8 Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Carol L. Trescott, District Secretary