



Pierce County Fire District 13

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Minutes Board of Fire Commissioners July 11, 2023

Commissioner Noll called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call led by **Commissioner Noll** to confirm quorum has been met. Present for the meeting: **Commissioner Zuluaga, Chief Wassall.**

Members of the Public and Staff 5

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes: Motion- A motion was made by **Commissioner Zuluaga** to approve the meeting minutes for June 13, 2023, Regular Meeting.

Seconded Commissioner Noll
Passed (Unanimous)

Vouchers:

Motion-A motion was made by **Commissioner Zuluaga** to approve vouchers, #17985-18021 in the amount of \$58,885.85 for Monthly Payables.

Second: Commissioner Noll.
Passed (Unanimous)

Motion-A motion was made by **Commissioner Zuluaga** to approve vouchers, #17950- 17984 in the amount of \$20,494.13 for Q2 Vol Payroll.

Second: Commissioner Noll.
Passed (Unanimous)

Motion-A motion was made by **Commissioner Zuluaga** to approve vouchers, #18022 in the amount of \$4,259.05 for Deposits.

Seconded: Commissioner Noll
Passed (Unanimous)

Correspondence:

None

Chief's Report

Calls: 23 total calls, 2 fire calls, 13, EMS calls, 1 MVA, 5 Service Calls, 1 for parking, 2 Mutual Aid Calls (MVA's). A76, had 3 transports.

Staffing and Recruiting: We had super staffing over the 4th of July holiday and things have fallen flat since. The Chief sent an email reminding everyone of the resources spent getting them trained and that has filled the schedule. We have not had to call out names, but if needed, we are prepared to do so. We have 6 confirmed out of 8 for the next fire academy. I have others waiting for us to reach out and see if they are ready. We should know before the end of the week.

Financial Report:

GL Trial Balance cash on hand:	\$478,153.27
Less 07-11-2023 expenses	-79,379.98
Deposits (not yet posted)	<u>\$ 0</u>
Remaining cash on hand:	\$398,773.29

Reserves: \$582,501.98

Training: We did not have training on July 4th, but we did have 2 calls. One was in District and the second on was a mutual aid fire in Sumner. I am calling that training for the night. We have been getting OK numbers for fire training and excellent numbers for EMS. Now that EMT training is over and most of the NREMT testing is complete, we look for the fire numbers to rebound.

SS911: I have been unable to attend due to staffing. There is a push to move to a different dispatch model, First Due Size Up. It uses the County Assessors information to identify the house and information about the house. We do not need that about the house and having only 3 properties in the district where it might be helpful. The Professional Building and 2 churches. The program costs around 5K and we already have FlowMSP for the same 5K but it is over 3 years.

Fleet Status: Where do I start on this one? BR76 will be back in District sometime today. Everything we tried to do privately fell through and we are losing money by having her sit in Yakima. We received the title on our new truck last Thursday and now we can get it registered and plates. Monday, we will have an inspection of the truck by H&H truck repair in Fife. We will have our baseline for the new truck. Erker's was not able to provide this service. We are working on a new driver's side mirror for C772's door. We have not been able to schedule our annual service for the engines 77 and 76. MAR77 has its new light bar installed, she is currently fully in service.

Good of the Order: We have had family emergencies we have had to deal with, our group have rallied around those affected. We have had all 3 of our engine vendors visit, some more than once to put their best foot forward. Once we further discuss our style of engine, I believe we will shortly be able to decide on a vendor and move the process forward. Captain Fitzgerald and Lieutenant Tapia have successfully passed Rescue Systems 1. They, along with B/C Rapozo will be passing this valuable information on to the rest of us. We now have had a couple of incidents where we needed this knowledge on scene. Looking into cost recovery dollars for MVA's. Find a new billing schedule.

MSO

We need to create general MVA pricing for System Design. Use Fire Chiefs Associations template.

We need to strike the first Resolution.

Time to review RCW Collections.

FEMA money is still pending.

PIO

Streamline is being updated.

Trying to fix LOGO on website.

Approach Josh Hoffman to photograph events and add/update to website.

Commissioner(s) Report:

Commissioner Malone:

On vacation.

Commissioner Noll:

Received training on July 5th from Streamline software. Using the Engage module.

August 1st is Pierce Co Elections. Multiple Pierce County Fire departments are listed in the Voter Pamphlet. Running lid lifts for either Fire or EMS or both.

Commissioner Zuluaga:

Do people text 911 for help? SS911 stated a few hundred for 2023 so far.

Parents can partner with SS911 to help teach about 911.

Special Presentation – Deborah Grady & Julie Door South Sound 911

Deborah Grady and Julie Door arrived at the meeting to provide a slide presentation on South Sound 911. Their slides provided information on the purpose, history, board of directors, their operations and support services, source, and use of funding, staffing and future direction of South Sound 911.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Dash Point Station Concrete Replacement.

We need assistance to develop our specifications before we can solicit bids. Through MSRC found an Invitation For Bid (IFB) template used by the city of Redmond. Once we have our specs, we can prepare an IFB and get the process started.

2. Brush Truck Status

Will be towed from Yakima to Tacoma.

Can the new truck be deployed? Currently making that decision.

3. Town Center Updates

Rotation in leadership. The Senior Housing project appears to be on indefinite hold.

The Property Manager will manage filling empty spaces.

BP Diner is staying in the original spot. Shane will run both restaurants

4. Fire Engine Requirements

Unsure where we are?

The three manufacturers all have different equipment. Cannot compare apples to apples.

The decision was made to have a special meeting to discuss core engine requirements and to adopt a framework to evaluate the vendors. Date set July 14.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2023 Property Tax Assessment

Received for both stations for taxes due in 2024.

- Browns Point (land 161,300, buildings 170,000, total 331,300) 6.4% increase
- Dash Point (land 236,400, building 545,900, total 782,300) 9.2% increase

Public COMMENTS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next regular meeting will be Tues., August 8, 2023, at 9:00 AM.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 12:58 pm.

Approved By:

Chairman Noll

Commissioner Malone

Commissioner Zuluaga

Fire Chief/District Secretary