



# Maple Valley Fire and Life Safety

*Protecting and Serving the City of Maple Valley,  
and the Greater Maple Valley Area*

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, September 16, 2010

Attending: Commissioners McGee, Rydberg, Scott, VanRuff and Walls, Chief Doerflinger; Deputy Chief Cowan, District Secretary Barker, members of the public

Commissioner Scott called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

## **Minutes:**

Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes of August 19, 2010: **A MOTION was made, seconded and unanimously carried to approve the Regular Minutes as Presented.**

**Financial Report:** The following reports were reviewed for information.

Expense Report – September  
August Revenue  
August Cash Balance

## **Correspondence:**

2010 Annual Commissioner Conference  
10/1/10 Medic One Foundation  
10/1/10 Greater Maple Valley/Black Diamond Chamber President's Dinner  
10/10/10 Washington State Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service  
Thank You for Assistance, "A" Shift

## **Meetings:**

9/14/10 King County District Advisory Committee: Chief Doerflinger reported on this meeting of the junior taxing districts to discuss a local agreement with the Flood District regarding pro-rationing and the levy rate for next year. Attorney Joe Quinn was also in attendance at the meeting and will provide a legal opinion. More information will be provided at a later date.

Chief Doerflinger explained that the District is researching a proposal for consolidation of services. There is no plan for a complete merger of Maple Valley Fire & Life Safety into Kent Fire Department at this time. Chief Doerflinger introduced Chief Schneider of Kent Fire District. Chief Schneider reported on the RFA and how entities are researching ways to work through the financial crisis that all districts are facing. Maple Valley Fire & Life Safety and Kent Fire are currently researching the consolidation of the training division. A report on this research is expected to be submitted to the Chief's in October.

9/15/10 King County Fire Commissioners Meeting: Commissioner McGee reported the main topic of discussion was regarding the King County Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner McGee requested a meeting be scheduled with Representative Dunn to discuss the ramifications of closing that office.

9/15/10 Meeting with King County Assessor Lloyd Harrah: Chief Doerflinger stated that Mr. Harrah provided the preliminary tax levy worksheet at the meeting. The preliminary numbers reflect a -3.5% decrease in assessed valuation for 2011.

**Public Comment:**

Warren Iverson  
Sean Kelly

Dave Fields (submitted comments in written form)

**Business:**

Consumer Survey with City of Maple Valley: Discussion was held regarding the District's participation in the survey with the City. More information will be provided before a final decision is made.

Resolution R-2010-011 Declare as Surplus KME Engine: A request for a motion to approve the resolution was made. A MOTION was made, seconded and unanimously carried to approve R-2010-011 to declare the KME engine as surplus.

Resolution R-2010-008: This resolution declared the Astro Van as surplus. It has been determined it would be useful to keep in the fleet, a MOTION was made seconded and unanimously carried to cancel the Resolution R-2010-008.

**Personnel:**

Career/Volunteer Staff: Chief Doerflinger has received a request for a leave of absence from Firefighter Michael Johnson.

**Operations:**

Major Emergency Incident Report: a motor vehicle accident was reported on.

Training: Blue Card training at the administrative level by the Battalion Chief's and Deputy Chief Cowan has commenced.

A Haz Mat Incident Command class will be provided in the future, which would allow Maple Valley Fire & Life Safety to provide support for a Zone 3 haz mat response into our district, such as for the Landsburg facility.

**Support Services:**

Impact Fee Program Update: Deputy Chief Cowan provided a level of service memo that requests the Board to define our level of service which will be incorporated into the impact fee program. Discussion was held.

A ten minute recess was called at 8: 12 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 8:22 p.m.

A MOTION was made, seconded and unanimously carried to adopt the level of service time objectives and allow Deputy Chief Cowan to work with the population densities in the Fire Department zones.

A MOTION was made, seconded and unanimously carried to adopt the Long Range Plan ESCI five-station model for the impact fee programs.

A meeting will be scheduled to review the Capital Purchases Plan. Commissioners Scott and Rydberg are on the committee.

Fire Marshal's Office: There was discussion on Level of Service Contributions and new construction in the District.

Public Education: A big thanks to Pub Ed Specialist Johnson and the CERT members for their efforts in recent activities.

Apparatus and Equipment: A surplus sale date will be set.

**Facilities:**

- Station 81 Remodel: The remodel is moving forward.
- Solar System: Deputy Chief Cowan is still working on the evaluation of the solar system for the stations.

**Events:**

9/3/10 "Fill the Boot" Fundraiser for MDA: The Union, along with help from the CERT members and volunteers raised approximately \$11,000 for the MDA.

9/10/10 Soup Ladies Benefit Dinner: Commissioner Scott reported that this was a well attended event, and approximately \$26,000 was raised for the Soup Ladies.

9/15/10 King County Commissioner Meeting, South King Fire & Rescue, St. 26

**Public Comment:**

**Vouchers:** Review #09001 through #09032 for \$101,953.77 (General Expense Fund)  
Review #09033 through #09036 for \$77,840.47 (Capital Expense Fund)  
Review #09037 through #09059 for \$6,928.21 (General Expense Fund)  
Review #09060 for \$842.85 (General Expense Fund)

Review #09061 for \$1,529.30 (Capital Expense Fund)  
Review & Approve #09062 through #09098 for \$26,572.00 (General Expense Fund)  
Review & Approve #09099 through #09103 for \$17,453.30 (Capital Expense Fund)  
9/15/10 Payroll \$161,450.47  
9/15/10 Taxes \$32,788.10  
9/15/10 Retirement \$27,869.49  
9/15/10 Deferred Comp \$6,591.00  
9/30/10 Payroll \$164,803.00  
9/30/10 Taxes \$32,727.44  
9/30/10 Retirement \$28,508.70  
9/30/10 Deferred Comp \$6,666.00

With no further regular business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 8:45 p.m. for approximately 20 minutes.

***RCW42.30.140 (4)(a) Collective bargaining sessions with employee organizations, including contract negotiations, grievance meetings, and discussions relating to the interpretation or application of a labor agreement;***

At 9:05 p.m. the Executive Session was ended and regular session resumed.

A MOTION was made, seconded and unanimously carried to approve Firefighter Michael Johnson's request for a leave of absence for 1 year.

A MOTION was made, seconded and unanimously carried to remove "Interim" from Chief Doerflinger and Deputy Chief Cowan's titles. New contracts for the positions of Fire Chief and Deputy Chief will be drawn up for the Board to approve.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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Chairman Mike Scott

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Commissioner Jennifer Rydberg

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Commissioner Brian McGee

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Commissioner William VanRuff

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Commissioner Camille Walls

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Faye Barker, District Secretary