



## **Maple Valley Fire and Life Safety**

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

### **Document 12-010**

#### **Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, April 19, 2012**

Attending: Commissioners DeBay, Walls, Scott, McGee and VanRuff; Chief Doerflinger; Deputy Chief Cowan; Administrative Assistant Christine Knight; Battalion Chief David O'Brien; Lieutenant John Madden; Firefighters James Morrow, Bert Warm, PJ Knowles, Adam Downs, David Johnson, Mark Coffin, Jenny Jones, Volunteer Firefighter Mark Merlino.

Excused Absence: Commissioner Scott.

Chairperson VanRuff called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

#### **Firefighter Warm Grievance Appeal:**

Firefighter Bert Warm read his formal grievance to the Board of Fire Commissioners and further expressed his position and perspective of the matter. At the request of Firefighter Warm, Commissioner McGee was asked to present his perspective of the matter. Discussion followed.

Commissioner DeBay thanked Firefighter Warm for bringing this issue forward and his candor in his delivery. Firefighter Warm was advised that a written decision would be forthcoming within 14 calendar days.

#### **Minutes:**

**A MOTION was made, seconded and unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting of 3/5/2012.**

#### **Financial Report:**

The following reports were reviewed for information:

- Expense Report – April 2012
- Revenue Report – March 2012
- Cash Reconciliation – March 2012

#### **Correspondence:**

- Snohomish County Fire Chiefs Tax Class 5/9/12: Chief Doerflinger announced the class is full at this time but he and Michele are registered to attend.

- Thank You Card: Chief Doerflinger read a thank you card from a citizen thanking the crews and job well done.

**Meetings:**

- Finance Meeting 4/11/12: Chief Doerflinger explained that the Financial Committee met with Jim Blumenthal on April 11<sup>th</sup> and it was determined to delay the last issuance of \$1.5 Million in bonds until early fall when Assessed Valuation numbers are available.
- Maple Valley Community Coalition 4/11/12: Chief Doerflinger announced that he and Commissioner Bill VanRuff attended the Maple Valley Community Coalition meeting where there was a discussion on potential new city commercial developments. All future meetings will be held monthly in the Classroom at Station 81.
- BLS Subcommittee Meeting 4/12/12: Chief Doerflinger attended and reported that there was a discussion on which BLS allocation formula would be recommended to the Task Force. Also, the Task Force had asked all subcommittees to consider what a .30cents levy would mean to their area of responsibility, vs. the apparent needed .34cents.
- King County Fire Chiefs 4/18/12: Chief Doerflinger attended and reported that discussion focused around the EMS Levy and the building inspections in unincorporated King County.

**Public Comment:** Warren Iverson

Firefighter PJ Knowles asked for and received approval to address the Board of Fire Commissioners in Executive Session regarding negotiation issues.

**Business:**

- 2011 Annual Performance Report: Chief Cowan explained that he is working through some of the questions posed by Commissioner Scott to finalize this report.
- AG 43-1109 Electronic Communication System: Chief Doerflinger explained that the AG 43-1109 draft has been deferred to the LMC for review and is not ready for approval at this time.
- AG 43-1118 Financial Policy: Chief Doerflinger reported that due to the delay in bond issuance, this item is not as time sensitive and it was suggested by the Board that this item be tabled until all five Commissioners are available.
- ILA KC DDES: Chief Doerflinger reported that he had followed up with our attorney and the ILA is ready for submittal to DDES. Lieutenant Lercher has been working on the new maps for the ILA. We should be on schedule to begin fire inspections in the unincorporated portions of our District beginning in July 2012.

- 2012 CBA: Chief Doerflinger deferred to executive session for discussion. A vote will be held following the executive session.

### **Personnel:**

#### Career/Volunteer Staff:

- Deputy Chief Cowan announced that 1 firefighter is out on LTD and 1 on DL with intent of returning to work next tour.
- Firefighter Jon Graziani completed return to work procedures and is assigned to B shift; temporarily filling the vacancy of the LTD employee.
- Deputy Chief Cowan spoke with Captain Terry Brown and believes that Resident Volunteer Firefighter Steve Jorgenson will be taking over the Explorer program and continue developing the program.

### **Operations:**

- Deputy Chief Cowan reported that the crews have recently completed training at the Showare Center for MCI drills and North Bend Fire Academy for live fire training.
- Deputy Chief Cowan reported the call volume is up 120 calls from last year, but with a recent slow down. Last week there was a busy shift with 2 fires, one barn and one residential fire, and four MVA's. There was an early morning significant MVA rollover on Hwy 18 that resulted in an airlift transport.

### **Support Services:**

- Fire Marshal's Office - Impact Fees: Chief Cowan reported his concerns with the city personnel in finalizing this program. There is a meeting scheduled May 10<sup>th</sup> with the City of Maple Valley and their attorney to work through the remaining issues with the impact fee program.
- Public Education: Chief Doerflinger presented the flyer promoting a program going to schools with the safety trailer for fire safety education.
- Apparatus and Equipment: Chief Cowan announced he believes he has identified an interested buyer for the KME. In addition, Chief Cowan reported that he is continuing to seek out a feasible Rescue Vehicle to purchase. Chief Cowan stated that he is looking into partnering with Medic One for the next Aid Car purchases.
- Facilities- nothing to report.

### **Events:**

- Fishing Derby: Chairperson VanRuff stated that the Fishing Derby is scheduled for Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.

- VanZanen Memorial: Chairperson VanRuff thanked Chief Doerflinger, Lt. Adams, Firefighters Craft, Goll and Bingaman for a job well done at the memorial Service.

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**A MOTION was made, seconded and unanimously carried to approve vouchers #04061 through #04110 for \$155,637.02; #04111 through #04112 for \$717.95; Payroll for \$158,200.67; Retirement for \$28,859.33; Deferred Compensation for \$6,923.50; Payroll Taxes for \$33,197.64.**

**Executive Session: RCW 42.30.140(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.

With no further regular business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session per RCW 42.30-140(4)(a) at 7:10 pm for approximately 30 minutes.

At 7:40 pm, Executive Session was suspended and Firefighters Knowles and Morrow were excused. Executive Session was extended approximately 20 minutes.

Executive Session was adjourned at 7:55 pm for a five minute recess and the regular meeting resumed at 8:00 pm.

**A MOTION was made, seconded and unanimously carried to NOT ratify the CBA with Local 3062 as presented at the last meeting.**

**A MOTION was made, seconded and unanimously carried to re-enter into negotiations with Local 3062 on the current open articles.**

**A MOTION was made, seconded and unanimously carried to direct Commissioners McGee and VanRuff with the assistance of Chief Doerflinger to prepare the written response to Firefighter Warm's appeal.**

**A MOTION was made, seconded and unanimously carried to close the meeting at 8:05 pm.**

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Chairperson William VanRuff

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Commissioner Mike Scott

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Commissioner Gabriel DeBay

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Commissioner Camille Walls

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Commissioner Brian McGee

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Michele de Leon, District Secretary