



Maple Valley Fire and Life Safety

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, May 16, 2013

Attending: Commissioners DeBay, McGee, Scott, VanRuff and Walls; Fire Chief Doerflinger; Deputy Chief O'Brien; Office Manager de Leon; Battalion Chiefs Bille and Handley; Captain Lewis; Firefighters Erickson, Knowles, Hansen, Rock and Cleveland; Amanda Macdonald; Liz Loomis.

Amendments to the Agenda: Chief Doerflinger asked that Liz Loomis's presentation be taken out of order.

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

Liz Loomis presented a report on the levy measure and outlined things that went well, things that could be improved and recommended continued communication with the taxpayers.

Commissioner Scott thanked Liz Loomis, Amanda Macdonald and the staff for their work on the levy measure.

Minutes:

A MOTION was made, seconded and unanimously carried to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of 5/2/2013.

Financial Report:

The following report was reviewed for information:

- Expense Report – May 2013
- Revenue Report – April 2013
- Cash Balance & Reconciliation – April 2013
- Transport Billing – April 2013
- Impact Fees – April 2013 (not on agenda)

Correspondence:

- Thank You Letter – David O'Brien: The district received a thank you letter for providing an engine to Kent Fire Department during Bob Schmidt's memorial service on April 30th.
- Certification Letter: Chief Doerflinger received the official levy approval certification from King County Elections.

- Graduation Invitations: Chief Doerflinger distributed invitations to the Board for the graduation ceremony of the new volunteer firefighters, to be held June 1st. Commissioner McGee stated that he would be attending.

Meetings:

- King County Fire Chiefs 5/15/13: Chief Doerflinger reported that the main topic of interest was the presentation from Labor and Industries regarding the "Stay at Work" Program, which the district participates in.
- King County Fire Commissioners 5/15/13: Chief Doerflinger stated that he reported on the Parks Levy and that Jim Fogerty presented on the EMS Levy.

Public Comment:

- Amanda Macdonald
- Dave Bille

Business:

- Liz Loomis: Presented earlier.
- Parks Levy: Chief Doerflinger reported that King County Council has approved the Motion by vote of 5-2, protecting Fire District's from possible pro-rationing caused by the Parks Levy, should it be approved. This motion will be in effect for the duration of the levy.
- Commissioner Meeting June 6th: Chief Doerflinger reported that the Change of Command Ceremony for Fire Chief Cowan will begin at 3:00 in Shoreline; therefore, the Maple Valley Fire Commissioners Meeting will meet at the usual time on June 6th.
- Lieutenant Promotion: Chief Doerflinger recommended that Firefighter Erickson be promoted to Lieutenant on July 1st. A MOTION was made, seconded and unanimously passed, promoting Firefighter Erickson to Lieutenant, effective July 1, 2013.
- Grievance 2013-2: To be discussed in Executive Session.

Personnel:

Career/Volunteer Staff

- Deputy Chief O'Brien reported that there are not any L & I or LTD Injuries at this time.
- Deputy Chief O'Brien reported that there are 7 volunteers that will graduate from the Buckley Academy on June 1st. Furniture for the volunteer stations has been ordered.

Operations

- Training: Deputy Chief O'Brien reported that the previously scheduled truck academy to be done at the old Johnson's Home & Garden facility has been cancelled.
- Incident Report: Deputy Chief O'Brien stated that to date there have been 910 calls, compared to last year this time at 1102. Since the last Commissioner Meeting, there have been 115 calls, 59% of those EMS. Battalion Chief Handley provided information regarding the two house fires.

Support Services

- Fire Marshal's Office: nothing to report.
- Public Education: nothing to report.
- Apparatus & Equipment: Deputy Chief O'Brien reported that the MCI vehicle has been relocated to Kent Fire Department. The Aid Cars are not expected for approximately 120 to 180 days. The new tender is being outfitted with equipment and training has begun. The Rescue Vehicle is almost in service; as a boat hoisting system is on order.
- Facilities: Deputy Chief O'Brien reported that the outlying volunteer stations are being cleaned up.

Events:

- Maple Valley Days – June 7-9: Deputy Chief O'Brien briefed the board on the Maple Valley Days Committee Meeting.

Public Comment:

- none

A MOTION was made, seconded and unanimously carried to approve vouchers #05055 through #05093 for \$34,067.96; #05094 through #05100 for \$6,638.18; Payroll for \$237,680.94; Payroll Taxes for \$60,312.28; Retirement for \$36,195.75.

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:15 to Executive Session for approximately 15 minutes.

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 labor agreement.

The Executive Session ended at 7:30 p.m. and the regular meeting was resumed.

Following discussion, Commissioner DeBay made a MOTION to return staffing levels back to levels in effect on December 31, 2012 until negotiations regarding the grievance could be completed, Chairperson Scott seconded the MOTION.

Commissioner DeBay amended the MOTION to end the modified staffing levels within 90 days. Following further discussion, the full MOTION was retracted.

The regular session recessed for a 5 minute break and then adjourned at 8:05 to Executive Session for approximately 10 minutes.

The Executive Session ended at 8:15 p.m. and the regular meeting was resumed.

Chairperson Scott stated that the Board of Fire Commissioners recognizes that a change in working conditions has occurred and this change will be addressed in negotiations. Commissioner VanRuff asked Union President Knowles if this resolved the grievance and UP Knowles confirmed that it did. This concludes the grievance and satisfies the response requirement.

With no further regular business before the Board, **A MOTION was made, seconded and unanimously carried to close the meeting at 8:20 pm.**

Chairperson Mike Scott

Commissioner Gabriel DeBay

Commissioner William VanRuff

Commissioner Camille Walls

Commissioner Brian McGee

Michele de Leon, District Secretary