

NORTH HIGHLINE FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS MEETING



November 21, 2016

The regular North Highline Fire District Fire Commissioners' Meeting for November was called to order at 7:00 PM by Commissioner Liz Giba with Commissioners Dominic Barrera and Julie Hiatt present. Also in attendance were Mike Marrs, Bob Price, and Charlotte Ryan.

Chief Marrs led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Julie Hiatt moved to accept the meeting agenda as presented. Dominic Barrera seconded. Motion carried (3-0).

Meeting Minutes

Julie Hiatt moved to accept the minutes of the October 17, regular meeting as presented. Dominic Barrera seconded. Motion carried (3-0).

Accounts Payable

Julie Hiatt moved to approve the November vouchers as follows:

- 1610401 in the amount of \$2,518.61 (St. 18 plumbing down payment)
- 1611101 in the amount of \$2,000.00 (awards banquet down payment)
- 1611201 to 1611231 in the amount of \$29,134.12 (mid-month)
- 1611301 to 1611318 in the amount of \$84,085.09 (month-end)
- 1611401 to 1611437 in the amount of \$230,977.44 (November payroll)
- 1611501 to 1611517 in the amount of \$4,292.19 (volunteer reimbursement)

Dominic Barrera seconded. Motion carried (3-0).

Correspondence

None.

Public Comment

None.

Commissioners' Report

Commissioner Hiatt reported on the following items:

- 1) She attended this year's WFCFA conference in Yakima. While there, she spoke with another fire district who told her about a software program that helps find grants. They were able to receive a HUD grant for a fire engine, and because HUD focuses on low-income, underprivileged areas, North Highline Fire District would be a prime candidate.
- 2) She also attended the November King County Fire Commissioners' Association (KCFCA) meeting in Woodinville, where they elected new Board members. Mark Thompson (Federal Way) is President, Kevin Coughlin (Woodinville) is Vice-president, Camille Staczek (Vashon Island) is Treasurer, and Julie Hiatt (North Highline) is Secretary.
- 3) January 26, 2017 is Legislative Day in Olympia. This is a great opportunity to talk with our legislatures to get the word out about the fire service. Julie encouraged everyone to make an appointment with our legislatures and attend.
- 4) The Joint King County Chiefs/Commissioners banquet will be in January, and the Commissioners will be hosting a Saturday workshop in February on Fire Benefit Charges.
- 5) This year's awards banquet will be held on Saturday, December 10 at the Burien Elks Club, and invitations have been mailed out.

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None.

Financial Reports

The October 2016 Treasurers and Cash Flow Reports were presented to the Board for review. Chief Marrs said there is nothing out of the ordinary and we are still doing good. Copies of the financial reports are on file with the minutes.

Chief's Report

Chief Marrs explained in detail about the State Fire Mobilization system, and how the OSO landslide has changed the thinking that mobilization is only for a "fire" event. The Legislature is working to modify the language so that when local resources are exhausted, whether it is for a landslide, structural collapse due to an earthquake, or other major incident, State Mobilization could occur.

He then asked the Board if they would support sending North Highline firefighters to participate in a State Mobilization event. The Board said they would support whatever we could do as long as we were covered here. The discussion then moved to the Cascadia Earthquake drill (held October 20, 2016) and lessons learned from it. One surprising take-away is that citizens should expect to be own their own for up to two weeks. After further discussion, the Board agreed to hold a special meeting after the first of the year to talk about what we should and should not do in the event of a large scale disaster.

The Chief then reported that one of our firefighters has been off with a back injury, but he should be released to light duty very soon. He also reported on a shooting and a fire at an auto wrecking yard.

Attorney's Report

None.

Unfinished Business

Chief Marrs presented four resolutions to levy taxes and a benefit charge for 2017. He explained that our attorney has reviewed the documents and made any necessary changes. He then handed out two worksheets comparing North Highline Fire's benefit charge to other entities that have a fire benefit charge. Copies of the comparison sheets are on file with the minutes.

- Julie Hiatt moved to approve Resolution No. 479, identifying a substantial need to increase the regular property tax limit factor. Dominic Barrera seconded. Motion carried (3-0).
- Julie Hiatt moved to approve Resolution No. 480, authorizing an increase in 2017 property taxes. Dominic Barrera seconded. Motion carried (3-0).
- Julie Hiatt moved to approve Resolution No. 481, levying 2017 property taxes in the amount of \$1,751,500. Dominic Barrera seconded. Motion carried (3-0).
- Julie Hiatt moved to approve Resolution No. 482, imposing a 2017 benefit charge in the amount of \$1,2 million. Dominic Barrera seconded. Motion carried (3-0).

Commissioner Giba presented a letter addressed to Adrienne Quinn regarding a safety concern for the proposed homeless shelter (see minutes of 11/14/2016). Copies of the letter will be sent to King County Executive Dow Constantine and members of the King County Council. After the Board reviewed and agreed to the document, Commissioner Giba signed the letter. A copy is on file with the minutes.

New Business

None.

Good of the Order

We received the three "good guy" letters from the King County Medic One Program Director commending our employees for successful CPR resuscitations:

- **April 27, 2016:** Those responding were Steve Ott, Mike Bredl and Christopher Johnson
- **May 15, 2016:** Those responding were Scott Thorsteinson, Jeff Meagher, Vinh Pham, Wayne Metz, Nathan White, Eric Boutwell, and Christopher Johnson
- **May 17, 2016:** Those responding were David Jason, Jamie Cissell, Kurt Zimmerman, and Calen Regnier

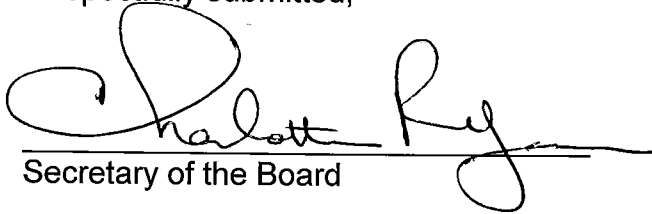
Executive Session

A 20-minute executive session was called at 8:20 PM to review the performance of a public employee per RCW 42.30.110(1)(g).

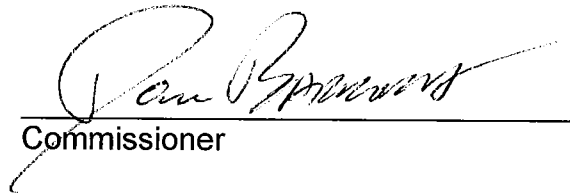
The meeting reconvened at 8:40 PM.

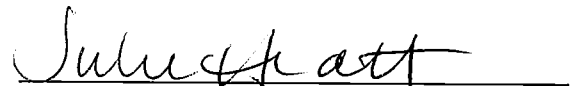
As there was no further business, Dominic Barrera moved to adjourn. Liz Giba seconded. Motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 8:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary of the Board


Chairman, Commissioner


Commissioner


Commissioner