

NORTH HIGHLINE FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS MEETING



January 2, 2008

The first regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of North Highline Fire District for January was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Chairman Ron Malaspino with Commissioners Barbara Peters and Wayne Alishokis present. Also in attendance were:

Roger Anderson
Greg Jackson
Scott LaVielle

Matt Lemanu
Tom Leshar
Charlotte Ryan

Brian Snure
Tim Woodland

Brian Snure (District Attorney) stated he had an item to report and asked to be added to the agenda. The Chairman agreed and placed his report after the Chief's report. He also said that the Attorney's report should be a regular agenda item. Barbara Peters moved to approve the meeting's agenda as amended. Wayne Alishokis seconded. Motion carried.

Barbara Peters moved that the December 18, 2007 regular meeting minutes be approved as presented. Wayne Alishokis seconded. Motion carried.

Voucher approval was tabled until the Board could review the documents.

Correspondence

- **Washington Fire Commissioners Association Legislative Day 2008**

This event will be held Thursday, January 24 at the Olympia Red Lion Hotel. Chief LaVielle said that anyone wishing to attend should let the Secretary know, and she will register them.

Commissioner Alishokis asked if LEOFF I benefits will be addressed this legislative session. Mr. Snure replied that he wasn't aware of LEOFF I benefits, but the Commissioners' Association will be proposing annexation legislation, which he will be talking about in his report.

Public Comment

None

Commissioner's Report

None

After reviewing vouchers No. 01001 — 01027 in the amount of \$12,739.02 (accounts payable), Barbara Peters moved to approve them to be paid on January 14, 2008. Wayne Alishokis seconded. Motion carried.

Local #1810 Report

Lt. Leshar (President) expressed his dissatisfaction that Thanksgiving half-time pay, which is part of the union contract, had not been paid to those employees who worked that shift. Chief LaVielle replied that the omission was an oversight; and he and the Secretary have met on the issue. He apologized to those affected, and said we are looking at ways to expedite a payment prior to the next pay period.

Local #3780 Report

None

Chief's Report

- **House Fire Rescue**

Chief LaVielle handed out a copy of The Highline Times article (December 19, 2007) reporting on another house-fire rescue – this time by Firefighters Marrs and Desmarais. The 87-year old occupant was asleep when fire broke out in his home. He was unconscious when rescued and given CPR (smoke inhalation and second degree burns). He is doing better now and on the road to recovery thanks to Engine 19's crew.

- **Station 18**

- We are still working on the electrical on the new generator, and we hope to have the project completed before the end of the month.
- We ordered new carpet for the Battalion Chiefs Office (see minutes of 12/18/07), which should be installed this week.

- **Department Vehicles**

Engine 19 is still at Meridian Hughes waiting for a part from Pierce Manufacturing.

- **Department Personnel**

- Firefighter Harvey is still off on disability, but he reports in weekly
- Firefighter Richards is scheduled to return to duty on January 4
- Volunteer Firefighter Tritle has requested a six-month leave of absence beginning December 20, 2007

- **Christmas Outreach**

Chief LaVielle said that this year's program was a success thanks to the community, the volunteers, and Lt. Jackson. He said he will be sending out thank-you letters to all who participated soon.

Lt. Jackson also thanked everyone for their help. He then reported that one of our former Firefighter's interpreted for Spanish speaking families, and a Hispanic news crew filmed him and Lt. Strom as they made their deliveries. The news crew also filmed Station 18 and interviewed Chief LaVielle; however, he didn't get to see the program when it aired on the Hispanic channel.

Attorney's Report

Mr. Snure reported that the Washington Fire Commissioners' Association will be proposing legislation this session to eliminate the transfer of assets to a city after an annexation has occurred. He handed out copies of the proposed bill and stated that as the law currently stands, there are certain mandatory asset transfers that occur after a city annexation. This bill would strike all those required provisions and allow for negotiations to take place prior to the effective date of the annexation. If an agreement were not reached prior to the date of annexation, then the fire district would remain "status quo," continuing to collect tax revenue and serve the area.

Further discussion was held regarding the protection of firefighter jobs, and possible annexation by more than one city. Commissioner Peters thanked Mr. Snure for the proposed legislation and for giving his report.

Unfinished Business

As requested at the last meeting, Mr. Snure presented the Board with a contract for his services. After a brief discussion, Wayne Alishokis moved to accept the contract as presented. Barbara Peters seconded. Motion carried. The Chief signed the document.

Resolution No. 413 (2008 Budget) was presented for adoption. Barbara Peters moved to adopt Resolution No. 413 as presented. Wayne Alishokis seconded. Motion carried.

New Business

Chief LaVielle requested the next regular meeting date be changed to accommodate payroll processing. The Board agreed to move the meeting to Thursday, January 17, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. The Secretary will notify the newspapers.

Good of the Order

Chief LaVielle read the following "good guy" letters:

- From Avis Van Loan's children thanking us for responding to her aid on numerous occasions (they also made a donation to our Aid Car Fund)
- From Seattle Scores thanking us for donating a fire-department birthday party for their 2008 auction
- From King County Parks and White Center CDA thanking us for helping renovate White Center Heights Park

Executive Session

An executive session was called at 9:14 a.m. for approximately 30 minutes (per RCW 42.30.110 [g]) to discuss a personnel issue.

The meeting reconvened at 9:44 a.m.

The Secretary presented Resolution No. 414 (changing the date of the next regular meeting). Barbara Peters moved to adopt Resolution No. 414. Wayne Alishokis seconded. Motion carried.


Chairman Malaspino restated his desire to hold a joint meeting with King County Fire District #2 and formally present them with the Asset Transfer funds. He instructed the Chief to contact Chief Marrs (KCFD #2) to choose a mutual date.


As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary of the Board


Chairman, Commissioner


Commissioner


Commissioner