

NORTH HIGHLINE FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS MEETING



February 19, 2008

The second regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of North Highline Fire District for February was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Vice-chair Barbara Peters with Commissioner Wayne Alishokis present. Chairman Ron Malaspino was excused from the meeting. Also in attendance were:

Greg Jackson
Scott LaVielle

Jeff Miller
Charlotte Ryan

Brian Snure

Wayne Alishokis moved to approve the meeting's agenda as presented. Barbara Peters seconded. Motion carried.

Wayne Alishokis moved that the February 5, 2008 regular meeting minutes be approved as presented. Barbara Peters seconded. Motion carried.

After reviewing vouchers No. 02050 — 02086 in the amount of \$98,711.38 (accounts payable), Wayne Alishokis moved to approve them to be paid on February 28, 2008. Barbara Peters seconded. Commissioner Alishokis explained that the \$14,000 voucher to Meridian Hughes was to repair Engine 19 after its accident, and the insurance company already sent us a check for that amount. Motion carried.

After reviewing vouchers No. 02087 — 02133 in the amount of \$283,767.57 (February payroll including electronic transfers), Wayne Alishokis moved to approve them to be paid on February 28, 2008. Barbara Peters seconded. Motion carried.

After reviewing vouchers No. 02134 — 02135 in the amount of \$6,348.72 (capital expenditures), Wayne Alishokis moved to approve them to be paid on February 28, 2008. Barbara Peters seconded. Motion carried.

Correspondence

- **Washington State Auditor**

Chief LaVielle handed out copies of our final 2006 Audit Report.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Peters reported that the Steve Cox Memorial Park dedication (scheduled for Saturday, March 8) is being rescheduled – possibly the end of April.

She said that she attended the Westside Baby Benefit Tea on Sunday, February 10. Chief LaVielle and his wife were also there. She also reported that she attended the City of Burien Study Session on Monday, February 11 where she was surprised to hear that the City Council decided to withdraw from the Seattle Public Utilities lawsuit (fire hydrant issue).

Local #1810 Report

Firefighter Miller (Union Secretary) reported that he and other union members met with state representatives in Olympia last week to lobby for increased funds to the LEOFF 2 pension system. Commissioner Peters offered her help to make phone calls to legislators, etc.

Local #3780 Report

None

Chief's Report

- **King County Fire District Two**

Chief LaVielle sadly reported the passing of former Commissioner Roushman on February 9, and he handed out copies of Mr. Roushman's obituary as published in the Seattle Times. Battalion Chief Anderson and Firefighter Lawson represented the District at his memorial service last Saturday.

- **Financial Report**

The Chief handed out copies of the January 2008 actual v. budget report for all funds.

- **Department Apparatus**

- Grant County Fire District #4 purchased the surplus Smeal engine for \$55,000.
- Still no action on the surplus Aid Car; therefore, we will be placing an ad on Craig's List for the vehicle.

- **Quarterly Officers' Meeting**

This meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 20 at 9:00 a.m. at Station 18. The Chief invited members of the Board to attend.

- **Department Personnel**

- Firefighters Lemanu and Sykes have missed one shift each on sick leave.
- Firefighter Ansel has been on medical disability since February 5.

- **Community Events**

- Westside Baby Benefit Tea: Held Sunday, February 10
- Family Literacy Program: Press conference held on Wednesday, February 13 (grant from Toyota to White Center Heights, Beverly Park and Mount View Elementary schools)
- Cedarhurst Grand Opening: Thursday, February 21 (5:30 p.m.)
- Northwest Burn Foundation Dinner: Saturday, February 23 (at Salty's)
- Steve Cox Memorial Park Dedication: To be rescheduled

Attorney's Report

Mr. Snure spoke about the likelihood that the City of Burien would be allowed to withdraw from the Seattle Public Utilities case. He said that oral arguments are already set for February 28 in the State Supreme Court. A brief discussion was held regarding the City's motives for withdrawing from the lawsuit.

Unfinished Business

Chief LaVielle said that he met with Firefighter Miller (Local #1810) to go over concerns with Draft Policy #2900 (Training Reimbursement), but they were interrupted when Firefighter Miller had to respond to an emergency call. They will reschedule another meeting next week. The Chief said he believes they are close to agreeing on the language.

New Business

None

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Chief LaVielle read a letter from Timothy Wittbauer thanking us for extinguishing a grease fire in his home Friday, February 1, 2008 (Lt. Kay, Firefighters Boutwell, Cissell, Marrs and Miller responded).

Commissioner Alishokis reported on a video being circulated on the Internet showing a supposedly new way to extinguish grease fires by strategically placing a damp towel over the pan, and “poof” it goes out. A small discussion began on the best way to extinguish grease fires. Lt. Jackson said there is a new extinguishing system that uses dry chemicals in canisters about the size of tuna cans which adhere to a stove’s range hood. In the event of a fire, the canisters release their retardant and extinguish the flames.

Firefighter Miller informed the Board that his five-year-old nephew is seriously ill. Chief LaVielle offered to give the boy a ride in the fire truck when he’s up to it. Commissioner Peters also offered her support. A brief discussion was held regarding the fact that after years of raising money in the annual Stair Climb event, both Firefighter Miller and Thorsteinson’s nephews have contracted the same disease the Stair Climb is trying to eradicate.

Executive Session

An executive session was called at 8:25 a.m. for approximately 45 minutes (per RCW 42.30.110 [i]) to discuss a litigation issue.

The meeting reconvened at 9:17 a.m.

[Battalion Chiefs Fray and Malo entered the meeting.]

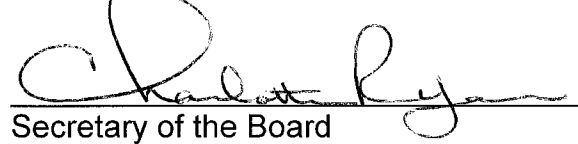
Commissioner Alishokis asked if the surplus engine money would be deposited in the Apparatus Replacement Fund. Chief LaVielle explained that our 2008 Budget has us transferring both the Apparatus Replacement Fund and the Medical Reserve Fund to the Capital Expense Fund. Therefore, the money will go into the Capital Fund where it will pay for Station 18’s new generator as well as other capital items.

Commissioner Alishokis then asked if the department’s medical policy has the same coverage for a LEOFF 1 member versus a LEOFF 1 member on Medicare. The

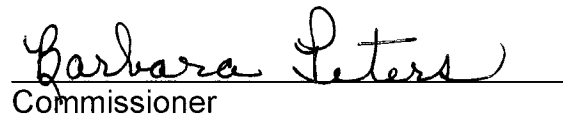
Secretary replied that it is the same policy with the same coverage; but because the department's policy becomes secondary under Medicare, the premium is lower.

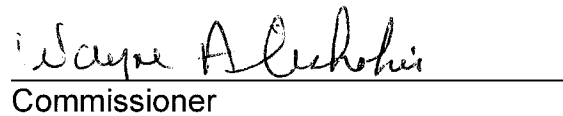
As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary of the Board

Chairman, Commissioner


Commissioner


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