

NORTH HIGHLINE FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS MEETING



July 27, 2020

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the regular North Highline Fire District Fire Commissioners' Meeting for July was called to order at 6:00 PM via GoToMeeting (virtual online meeting) by Commissioner Liz Giba with Commissioner Dominic Barrera participating. Also attending via GoToMeeting were Chief Mike Marrs and Shauna Sheppard.

Chief Marrs led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Barrera moved to accept the meeting agenda as amended. Commissioner Giba seconded. Motion carried (2-0).

Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Barrera moved to accept the minutes of the June 22, 2020 regular meeting. Commissioner Giba seconded. Motion carried (2-0).

Accounts Payable

Commissioner Barrera moved to approve the July accounts payable vouchers as follows:

- 2070101 to 2070108 in the amount of \$332,977.45 (July month-end vouchers)

Commissioner Giba seconded. Motion carried (2-0).

Correspondence

- None

Public Comment

- None

Commissioners' Report

- Commissioner Barrera reported that the 4th of July was loud, but many cleaned up their messes. He also reported that he had seen some firefighters working at Rainier Prep School and Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

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- None

Financial Reports

- The Board received copies of the June 2020 Treasurer's and Cash Flow Reports. Chief Marris commented that everything is tracking and there is nothing to call out at this time.

Chief's Report

Chief Marris reported on the following:

- COVID-19 Update – Staying vigilant about social distancing, wearing a mask and hand washing to minimize the spread of COVID-19 is everyone's responsibility. It starts with us. COVID-19 cases are still moving in an upward direction. In the last 24 hours, 178 cases have been reported in King County. We have had 8 firefighters and 1 chief tested. All were negative.
- NHFD and NHUAC Mask Give Away – We had an opportunity to hand out masks and hand sanitizer at the White Center Library on July 23rd. It was greatly received and appreciated.
- The fire at the Yarrington Funeral Home was determined to be arson. An arrest has been made. The man who was arrested is also suspected of other local fires. King County will likely be prosecuting. The property was sold earlier this year. The building was scheduled to be demolished and the new owner plans to build apartments there.
- Contaminated Fuel – Two stations have been dealing with contaminated fuel in both of our new engines and two Burien engines for a little over a week now. The fuel company is working with us to resolve the issue. Commissioner Giba asked if legal counsel has been advised. Chief Marris responded affirmatively.
- Battalion Chief Testing Update – We agreed to a two-year testing for the Battalion Chief list and the time has come to test. Eight (8) candidates will be going through the testing.
- New Hire Testing Update – North Highline has historically hired out of the volunteer program. We are now exploring having an outside agency assist us in the hiring process. We are hoping that hiring through Public Safety Testing and/or National Testing will provide a more diverse candidate pool. The upcoming Collective Bargaining Unit negotiations would include that change in the hiring process.

Attorney's Report

- None

Unfinished Business

- The Fire Benefit Charge mailer will be submitted to the commissioners for review prior to finalization. The mailer should go out in October. Commissioner Giba asked what the pricing will look like if we use Kay Smith. Chief Marrs said we used DCG last time and that. Commissioner Hiatt told him Kay Smith would be competitive in pricing.

New Business

- Commissioner Barrera moved to adopt Resolution No. 508 regarding the fire Benefit Charge. Commissioner Giba seconded. Motion carried (2-0). A copy of Resolution No. 508 is on file with the minutes.
- Commissioner Barrera moved to approve the 10-year Explanatory Statement as drafted by Brian Snure. Commissioner Giba seconded. Motion carried (2-0). A copy of the Explanatory Statement is on file with the minutes.
- Commissioner Barrera moved to authorize staff to appoint a Pro Statement Committee comprised of Barbara Dobkin and Wendell Davis. Commissioner Giba seconded. Motion carried (2-0).

Good of the Order

- Shauna will be submitting Resolution 508, Exhibit A, and the 10-year Explanatory Statement as drafted by Brian Snure and the Pro/Con Committee Appointment form to the King County Elections Office by August 4, 2020.

As there was no further business, Commissioner Barrera moved to adjourn. Commissioner Giba seconded. Motion carried (2-0), and the meeting adjourned at 6:34 PM.

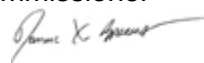
Respectfully submitted,



Secretary of the Board



Chairman, Commissioner



Commissioner