

NORTH HIGHLINE FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS MEETING



June 19, 2017

The regular North Highline Fire District Fire Commissioners' Meeting for June was called to order at 7:00 PM by Commissioner Liz Giba with Commissioner Dominic Barrera present. Commissioner Hiatt was excused from the meeting by prior motion. Also in attendance were Jamie Cissell, David Dilley, Mike Marrs, Bob Price, Pat Price, Jim Reed, Tony Rosenthal, Charlotte Ryan, and Brian Snure.

Commissioner Barrera led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dominic Barrera moved to accept the meeting agenda as presented. Liz Giba seconded. Motion carried (2-0).

Meeting Minutes

Dominic Barrera moved to accept the minutes of the May 15, 2017 regular meeting as presented. Liz Giba seconded. Motion carried (2-0).

Accounts Payable

Dominic Barrera moved to approve the June accounts payable vouchers as follows:

- 1706101 to 1706138 in the amount of \$34,117.87 (mid-month)
- 1706301 to 1706217 in the amount of \$344,410.03 (month-end)
- 1706301 to 1706338 in the amount of \$264,977.47 (June payroll)

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

Correspondence

None.

Public Comment

None.

Commissioners' Report

Commissioner Barrera reported that there was a large residential fire on his street about a week ago. He said he was impressed with our department's quick response and he commended the crews for their skilled effort.

Commissioner Giba reported that she attended the North Highline CSA town hall meeting on June 7. Karen Freeman and Councilmember Joe McDermott were there. The topic of annexation was brought up. Apparently annexation is not looming. Attendees were told it is a complicated issue. Seattle's new mayor will have to be educated.

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None.

Financial Reports

The Board received copies of the May 2017 Treasurers and Cash Flow Reports. Chief Marrs said that there are a couple of line items that are over budget, but there is nothing to be concerned about. We will get a better picture in June when we are at the mid-year point. Copies of the financial reports are on file with the minutes.

Chief's Report

Chief Marrs reported on the following:

- SeaTac Station Staffing:
The Chief shared a report from the City of SeaTac recommending that staff relocate from Station 47 to Station 46. Station 47 is in the very north end of their service area and is a slow station. He explained that this would impact Station 19 (as well as Station 28), because Station 19 would become first in for many of their calls. The

SeaTac City Council will make the final decision. A copy of the report is on file with the minutes.

- Office Position Vacancies:

We received 17 applications for the three vacant office positions, and interviews should be completed by the end of this week. Both Commissioners Barrera and Giba stated they would like to be involved in the selection process for the North Highline position. The Chief said that the field should be narrowed down to two or three candidates for that position by next Tuesday, and a special meeting could be called for the Board to review them.

- Replacement Engine:

Captain Ott is working on the specifications to order a replacement engine. More information will be available on this topic later.

- Department Credit Card:

The department credit card was compromised. There were a few small charges made to I-tunes, and then a major purchase was attempted. The credit card company blocked the charges, the fraud was reported to the State Auditor, and a new card will be issued.

- Medicaid Transformation Project:

The Chief reported that he is a member of a committee to review how Medicaid pays for some services. He explained that when the firefighters respond to an aid call, they must decide whether a patient is "sick" (must go to the hospital) or "not sick" (can stay at home). If they are "sick," they are transported to the Emergency Room; however, there are many times that a "sick" patient doesn't need to go the ER and should be taken somewhere more appropriate (and less costly) to be treated.

A discussion was held on FD Cares (a program developed by the Puget Sound RFA), as well as other fire department programs to help citizens before a medical issue becomes a medical emergency. It was also noted that of all the Tri-Med Ambulance transports in the North Highline and Burien area, 32.71% were paid from Medicaid and 42.65% were paid from Medicare funds.

Attorney's Report

None.

Unfinished Business

The Chief reported that we have a tentative agreement with the mediator; but because he had a family emergency, we are waiting to receive the final version.

New Business

None.

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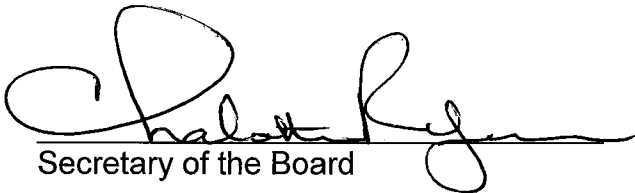
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Executive Session

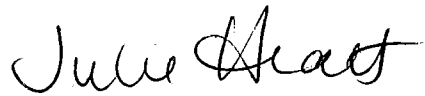
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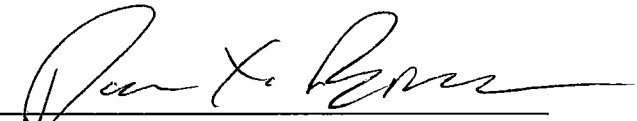
As there was no further business, Dominic Barrera moved to adjourn. Liz Giba seconded. Motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary of the Board


Chairman, Commissioner


Commissioner


Commissioner