

THURSTON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT THREE

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

February 7, 2019

Present:

Chair Wilson
Vice Chair Dobry
Commissioner Ryder
Commissioner Roberts
Commissioner Kirkbride

I. CALL TO ORDER / FLAG SALUTE

Chair Wilson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and followed with a salute to our Nations flag.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chief Brooks noted that the BVFF minutes should be deleted from the agenda.

MOTION: To accept the agenda as amended.

Motion: Commissioner Dobry

Second: Commissioner Ryder

Carried: Unanimous

III. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC / MEMBERS PRESENT

Deputy Chief Cox introduced LFD 3 citizens Wesley and Elizabeth Anderson, who wanted to express their appreciation to the Fire District for the crew going above and beyond expectations. Mrs Anderson had fallen ill and needed to be transported to the hospital; Mr Anderson had carpoled to Auburn. The couple had children at home with no one to immediately supervise them. The crew – Battalion Chief Tim Hulse, Firefighters Eric Sapp and Matt Hagstrom - stayed with the children, making breakfast and being present until family friends were able to arrive. The Andersons expressed their sincere gratitude for the actions of the fire crew.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

A. Draft minutes of the January 17, 2019 meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners.

B. Warrants

- General Fund 001 (Acct# 6630) checks numbered #21040 through #21075 in the amount of \$51,301.18
- Equipment Repair and Replacement Fund 103(Acct# 6636) check numbered #21076 in the amount of \$56,149.03
- 2017 Capital Improvement Project Fund 306 (Acct#6639) checks #21077 in the amount of \$118,969.40.

C. Payroll #1B 2019 in the amount of \$390,586.30

MOTION: To accept the consent agenda as presented.

Motion: Commissioner Kirkbride

Second: Commissioner Dobry

Carried: Unanimous

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Thurston County Medic One E.M.S. Council

No report; next meeting February 20th.

B. Thurston 9-1-1 Communications (TCOMM) Administration Board

Next meeting in March.

Chair Wilson reported she and Chief Brooks had been attending hearings at the Capitol on SB5272 and HB1653 regarding sales tax for 911. Nine people testified in favor of HB1653.

C. City / District Liaison

No response yet from the City regarding the 2019 meeting schedule. Chief Brooks will reach out again to the City. The next meeting had tentatively been set for February 12th, but it appears unlikely at this point.

Chief Brooks noted that he had spoken with the City Manager about a bill currently in the legislature relating to cities over 50,000 being able to exempt certain commercial development from property and /or sales tax, and that the Fire District would be interested in discussions with the City should the bill pass and the City be interested in applying it.

D. Thurston County Fire Commissioners Association Regular meeting

No report, next meeting is February 19th.

Vice Chair Dobry reported the following from the Washington State Fire Commissioners meeting:

- The Health Care Trust had a 104% payout, but expected that the rate increase for 2019 will cover all of 2019 costs. They reported 90 new members into the Trust and 3 agencies leaving in 2018.
- They are still discussing reimbursement for firefighter physicals; they intend a survey to be sent asking about this issue.
- They are looking for a vendor to provide liability insurance as Enduris will not be able to continue to provide coverage.
- They discussed succession planning for retiring office staff and PFML for elected officials.

Vice Chair Dobry noted that the fall conference dates have been set and requested Chief Brooks to reserve a block of rooms.

Commissioner Kirkbride noted that the Fire Commissioners legislative update report arrived today and still did not address the 911 sales tax issue. He encouraged fire commissioners to speak to their legislators.

E. Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC)
Status report

Vice Chair Dobry attended the February 1, 2019 meeting and reported the following:

- The annual meeting schedule had two changes, the July meeting will be moved to July 12th and the January 2020 meeting will be moved to January 10th.
- The Executive Board for 2019 was announced.
- The Council approved allowing TRPC to participate in the State Deferred Compensation program.
- Several issues discussed included the public participation review process, Main Street Rochester, and the current legislative docket.
- Sustainable Thurston progress report will be presented at the next meeting.

F. Community Outreach
Status report
Staff

1. The Ridge annual meeting on Tuesday, January 22nd at Station 34 was attended by Vice Chair Dobry and Chief Brooks; about 17 HOA members were in attendance.
2. Steilacoom Heights annual meeting on Monday, January 28th at Station 34 was attended by Chair Wilson and Chief Brooks; 4 HOA members were in attendance.
3. The Pointe annual meeting on Tuesday, January 29th, at Station 33 was attended by Commissioner Ryder and Deputy Chief Cox; about 15 HOA members were in attendance. Commissioner Ryder noted that this was the