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MINUTES
Clark County Fire District 6 Commissioners Meeting
Regular Meeting
Station 1, 7:30 p.m.
October 6, 2009

POST

Members present: Chairman Spring, Commissioner Collins, Commissioner Bloemke out of town.

Meeting called to order.

Captain Simukka led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

The Board opted to make the following adjustments to the agenda.

1. Eliminate a double entry of the Station 15-1 Operations report.
2. Under Old Business to discuss the results of a study done by the REA Engineering firm regarding the integrity of the floor in the Station 61 exercise area.
3. Under New Business to consider Resolution 2009-08 regarding Deferred Compensation.
4. Under New Business discuss the implementation of the Public Information Officer position.
5. Under New Business to consider updating the District's October 2008 Vehicle Take Home policy.

The Board seconded and unanimously passed a motion approving the September 12th workshop and the September 15th regular meeting minutes and to have them posted for public view and on the website.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION:

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Safety: A Health & Safety Report was included in the Board packets
- Parade: E60 has been registered to take part in the November 7th Vancouver Veteran's Day parade.

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CONSENT AGENDA:

The Board seconded and unanimously passed a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda.

Number of Calls Report:

Calls, September 2008

EMS	382
Fire	62
Total	444

Calls, September 2009

EMS	361
Fire	92
Total	453

Calls to Date 2008

EMS	3432
Fire	582
Total	4014

Calls to Date 2009

EMS	3366
Fire	587
Total	3953

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board moved to Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. for a session expected to last for ten minutes.

Returning to Open Session at 7:48 p.m. the Chair advised that the Board had discussed contract and property issues and had taken no action.

NEW BUSINESS:

A proposal was made to combine the positions of Public Education Coordinator and Public Information Officer and to appoint Public Education Coordinator Dawn Johnson to that position.

Recognizing Johnson's excellent performance as Public Education Coordinator, the Board seconded and unanimously passed a motion to authorize Chief Green to appoint Dawn Johnson to the Public Education Coordinator/Public Information Officer position effective as of October 1, 2009.

CHIEFS REPORT:

The Training Advisory Group (TAG) is working on "Operations Manual", "Training Manual" and "2010 Training Calendar". The TAG members have requested a meeting with the Advisory Board (AB) seeking direction and input.

The AB feels the program is still working on Phase I of the Training Consortium Plan and hope to move into Phase II late this year or early 2010.

The Clark County Training Group intends to meet with Clark County Commissioner Boldt in an attempt to gain his support in retaining property at the Station 15-1 site for future use as a fire agency training site.

The State Auditor began a financial audit of the District's performance for years 2007-2008. They began on September 28th and are expected to complete their work in about two weeks. Commissioner Spring will attend the Exit Conference.

The Department of Labor & Industries has adopted new requirements on retainage and release for public improvement contracts over \$35,000. These requirements direct that public agencies may not release retained funds to contractors until Labor & Industries approves the release.

The District received a net of \$3,614 for the surplus items sold at the Montague Auction on September 29, 2009.

The Board received the September 2009 Operations Report for Station 15-1.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Roggenkamp engineering firm has completed its study of the floor structure of the Station 61 exercise area and found not structural inefficiencies. Some of the heavier equipment is at the maximum limit and it was recommended that some of the equipment should be relocated – spreading the floor loading.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Liz Loomis and Alison Peters firms have completed their telephone surveys and desire to make a presentation to the Board regarding their findings. This can be done during the early afternoon of October 14, 2009.

The Board seconded and unanimously passed a motion to hold a Special Board Meeting at Station 61 at 1:30 p.m. on October 14th for the purpose of receiving these reports.

Chief Taylor provided the Board with preliminary information regarding the 2010 Budget. Although final figures have not been received from the County it appears new construction in the District for tax year 2010 will be just over \$16 million as compared to 2009's almost \$83million.

Normally, new construction tax revenues have allowed the District to meet anticipated cost increases in the coming year. This will not happen in 2010. There may be a drop in the District's assessed valuation in 2010.

In anticipation of a smaller increase in tax funds for the 2010 Fire Budget, and likely a reduction in new funds for the 2010 EMS Budget, staff has made some proposed changes to address the revenue shortfall. These will include the transfer of some captains with paramedic certifications from the EMS to the Fire Budget.

The Public Hearing for the 2010 budgeting will be held prior to the first regular Board meeting in November. Scheduling of this hearing will need to be made at the 2nd meeting in October.

Representatives of the Bargaining Unit have requested that the District allow the addition of other providers to the Deferred Compensation Plans in which employees might participate.

Following staff recommendations, the Board seconded and unanimously passed a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-08 to accomplish this.

The Board concurred with staff recommendations and seconded and unanimously passed a motion to update and modify the Staff and Utility Take Home Policy to reflect current staffing needs.

ROUND TABLE:

Chairman Spring attended a Legislative Committee meeting of the WFCB.

Board members attended the annual NAEFO conference in Las Vegas.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

The annual Fire District 6/Hazel Dell Salmon Creek Business Association Poster Contest and lunch will be held at Station 61 on October 14, 2009.

Arrangements are being made to utilize the on-hold phone messaging service to provide information regarding the agencies EMS program.

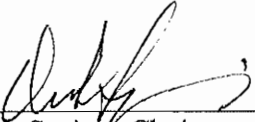
The Board seconded and unanimously passed a motion authorizing payment of current bills.

Fund 6212 Fire Invoices	\$123,115.07
Fund 6242 EMS Invoices	\$29,368.36

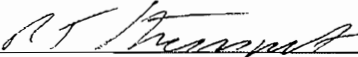
The Board seconded and unanimously approved motions authorizing its member's compensation for September.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Dick Spring, Chairman



R.T. Streissguth, Secretary