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MINUTES

Clark County Fire District 6 Commissioners Meeting
Regular Meeting
Station 1, 7:30 p.m.
May 4, 2010

Members present: Chairman Bloemke, Commissioner Collins, Commissioner Spring (by phone)
Meeting called to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Collins.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

The Board wishes to discuss nominations for the position of an alternate to the Region VIII representative on the Washington Fire Commissioners Association Board. This will be done under New Business.

The Board seconded and unanimously passed a motion approving the April 20, 2010 regular meeting minutes and to have them posted for public view and on the website.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Safety: The Board has received copies of the minutes of a joint meeting of the Safety and Wellness Committee which was held on March 11, 2010. This group will meet again on May 5th to discuss the upcoming Safety Standards Week.
- Parade: The Hazel Dell/Salmon Creek Parade of Bands will take place on May 15th. Participation and standby plans are being developed.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

Number of Calls Report:

<u>Calls, April 2009</u>		<u>Calls, April 2010</u>	
EMS	356	EMS	382
Fire	54	Fire	44
Total	410	Total	426

<u>Calls to Date 2009</u>		<u>Calls to Date 2010</u>	
EMS	1397	EMS	1441
Fire	216	Fire	200
Total	1613	Total	1641

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CHIEFS REPORT:

Chief Green reported the Tanninen Repair Service has increased their hourly rate by \$5.00 per hour for a total of \$70. This compares with the \$85 per hour rate charged by the Vancouver Fire Department and the \$104 rate charged by Pacific Diesel.

Tanninen's service has been outstanding.

Lighting upgrade incentives are again available through Clark Public Utilities.

Rebates for upgrades to Station 62 and Station 63 are \$2,044 and \$2,421 respectively. After rebates the project cost would be \$6,724.

The return on investment would be 3.4 years for Station 62 and 1.5 years for Station 63.

Staff recommends the District pursue the upgrades and the Board concurred with the plan. An additional expense of \$800 to \$900 may be needed to address some of Clark Public Utilities recommendations according to Chief Quitslund who just received notification late today.

OLD BUSINESS:

Packets included modified job descriptions for the Training Division Chief position.

Response times were discussed, with the Board supporting eliminating the time requirement and instead including the requirement that the successful candidate reside within the boundaries of the Vancouver Fire Department, Clark County Fire & Rescue or District 6.

The Training Chief would be allowed to fill ICS Command and general staff or supervisory positions not only in District 6 but also in the other departments involved.

Staff recommends the Board adopt the job description dated April 21, 2010. The Board seconded and unanimously passed a motion to adopt the job description.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Washington State Auditor provided an exit conference on April 27th making no findings in the 2007-2008 audit period.

Two recommendations were made including that personal service contracts should be made by the Board when in Open Session and that a better defined Travel Policy is made for elected officials.

Actually the Board Travel Policy is included in the Board Handbook already, but will also be cross referenced in the District Travel Policy.

Local 1805 submitted a Request to Bargain, dated April 27, 2010 regarding the proposed changes in the use of the Training Battalion Chief position. Their attorney and the District's representatives are attempting to set up a meeting date. This will likely take place after May 24, 2010.

The draft copy of a 2010 Battalion Chief Unit Collective Bargaining Agreement has been ratified by Local 1805 members.

Staff recommends the Board approve the agreement and the Board seconded and unanimously passed a motion to do so.

A modified and updated policy on Reporting Improper Governmental Action and Protecting Employees Against Retaliation (Whistle Blower Policy) has been prepared and reviewed by Attorney Snure.

This document received its first reading and will be an agenda item at the May 18th Board meeting.

It has been suggested that an alternative representative to the Region VIII Washington Fire Commissioners Association Board position be made by Region VIII members.

The District 6 Board seconded and unanimously passed a motion to recommend the nomination of Commissioner Dick Spring as the alternative.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ROUNDTABLE:

Commissioner Bloemke attended a WFCAL Legislative workshop in Yakima.

Clarification was asked as to what actions the District 6 Board has taken regarding discussions of a Regional Fire Authority. A recent Vancouver Columbian article had reported Districts 5 and 6 and the Vancouver Fire Department were in discussions regarding a Regional Fire Authority.

The Board indicated that District 6 is not and has not taken any steps to participate in any discussions to develop a Fire Authority but that the Board was in discussions with the Vancouver Fire Department and Clark County Fire & Rescue regarding the creation of a Joint Training Consortium.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

All three Board members plan to attend a May 20th Southwest Washington Fire Commissioners meeting in Toledo.

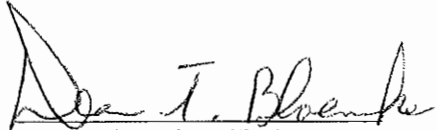
The Board seconded and unanimously passed a motion authorizing payment of current bills.

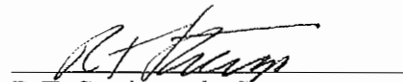
Fund 6212 Fire Invoices	\$38,495.83
Fund 6242 EMS Invoices	\$3,801.06

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

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Dean Bloemke, Chairman


R.T. Streissguth, Secretary