

Mason County Fire District 18 Board of Commissioners

October 11, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Chair Cochran at 1700 hours. Also present were Commissioners Barb Bodin, Mark McDougall and Leonard K. Weaver.

Fire Personnel: Michael Sexton, Gavin Rightmyer, Trinity Rightmyer, Shawn Berry, Tim Havnar

Guests: Joe Cochran

Secretary: Karen Thomas

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Previous Minutes:

Hoodsport Fire & EMS

September 12, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

September 27, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2023 Budget Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Bodin moved to accept, 2nd by Commissioner Weaver. Passed Unanimously.

Treasurer's Report/Payment of Bills and Payroll:

Total of \$76,507.93 bills and payroll for the month of October.

\$67,959.28 in EXPENSE

\$8,548.65 in EMS

Motion to pay the bills and payroll made by Commissioner McDougall. 2nd by Commissioner Bodin. Passed Unanimously.

Chiefs Report:

- 61 calls in September, bringing us to 504 year to date.
- We will be working with a CPA to potentially shift Payroll Schedules
- Transport Pay: Discussion was had on looking at reconfiguring how the payment is distributed based on responsibilities during a transport. A new system was decided and a resolution will be brought to next months meeting to approve.

- Credit Card: There was fraud detected on the Department Credit Card last month, and it has been challenging to get settled. Chief Sexton will look for a different credit card company to work with.
- Hoodsport Fire & EMS will be hosting the IV Tech class again this year, and Chief Sexton will be teaching it. It begins October 17, 2023 and goes to November 4, 2023.
- WFCM Conference: October 25-28.
- There is a trip planned for October 23, 2023 to go look at a couple different types of boats and look at what might work best for our department needs.
- According to ESO, September calls were: 47% fire and 53% EMS, which is a much closer margin than normal.

Old Business:

- Budget: We have been inputting the updated numbers based on rate increases as we are receiving them, and are getting closer to having a more complete set of numbers for the 2024 Budget for review at the November meeting.
- Discussion on the current Generac Generator at Station 18-2. Motion was made to fund replacement of the generator in 2023, for \$29,837.50 by Commissioner Weaver. 2nd by Commissioner McDougall. Passed Unanimously.
- Discussion on ordering a set of rescue tools for the Hoodsport Engine. Motion to fund this project in 2023 for \$42,841.98 made by Commissioner Bodin. 2nd by Commissioner Weaver. Passed Unanimously.
- Discussion on a gurney/load system for a-18-1. 2023 budget does not currently support this.
- Back up cameras: The project is not completed. We are looking for a better system for the longer trucks. There is a slight delay in the current ones we are using that is ok for our smaller trucks, but creates a complication for our larger trucks.
- Chief Sexton requested the plow route change from Mason County to include up to Station 18-2 as their first roadway in the area of Hoodsport.
- Discussion on purchase a plow for the front of B-18-2. Motion was made to purchase for \$13,078.22 by Commissioner McDougall. 2nd by Commissioner Bodin. Passed Unanimously.
- Open House: We would like to plan an open house for the community to come in and see the stations and the living quarters. Commissioners are thinking Spring/Summer 2024. We will work towards settling on a date that works best.

New Business:


- Covid/Influenza Testing Partnership state program: We received the supplies, and are learning how to use it.
 - The take home kits require that ethnicity be reported due to federal dollars being contributed.
 - The point of care testing that we will be doing for Influenza and Covid require positive tests to be reported to the Mason County Department of Health.
- Promotion Board: Lieutenant Promotion Process 10/7 went well and we were able to make the following promotions to support our Department:
 - Lt. G. Rightmyer
 - Senior Responder: T. Havnar

- Vehicle Maintenance Program: S. Berry
- Executive Session **RCW 42.30.110(1)(g)**: Moved to November

Good of the Order:

- Commissioner Weaver: Asked about Commissioner Service Pins.
- Chief Sexton: October 2, 2023 we took Central Mason off our run cards. Its cool to see our department be able to make it possible. Thank you to our personnel and the Commissioners for their support in building the program that allows for this to happen.

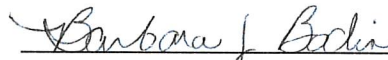
Meeting Adjourned at 6:29 pm



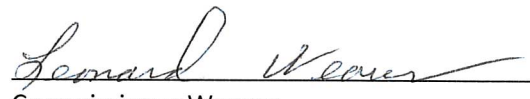
Chair Cochran



Commissioner McDougall



Commissioner Bodin



Commissioner Weaver