

Mason County Fire District 18 Board of Commissioners

September 13, 2023

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

Fire Personnel: Michael Sexton, Ron Satterfield, Ray Menard, Camille Lemke, Gavin Rightmyer, Trinity Rightmyer, Will Torres, Shawn Berry, Joseph Hill

Secretary: Karen Thomas

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Previous Minutes:

Hoodsport Fire & EMS August 9, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes: Commissioner Bodin moved to accept, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Weaver. Passed Unanimously.

Treasurer's Report/Payment of Bills and Payroll:

Total of \$98,163.33 bills and payroll for the month of August.

\$94,388.10 in EXPENSE

\$3,775.23 in EMS

Motion to pay the bills and payroll made by Commissioner Weaver. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Bodin. Passed Unanimously.

Chiefs Report:

- 86 calls in August, bringing us to 441 year to date.
- The trees in the front yard of the Robbins House were taken down with the PUD 1 project to raise their power poles and change our wiring. The stumps were ground out and taken care of last weekend, so we are in the final stages of clean-up.
- The replacement water heater was installed at the Robbins House after the previous one was found to be leaking.
- Initiated training at 10:00am Monday through Saturday, the same topic is taught for the whole week. There is an EMS and Fire skill covered.
- Mental Health App being considered for our department: Created by Paramedic Andrew Douglas, after many years of experience including involvement in the Amtrak Derailment Response. App allows 24/7 access to share your feelings as well helps link to resources locally and federally.
- We are working with other areas of the county to help resources be available. NMRFA was able to house a Physician Assistant to help with home visits rather than inundating hospitals, and we are hoping to be able to bring this type of service to our community.
- October 1, 2023 we are taking Central Mason off of our BLS calls, so during triage if it is determined we need medics, we are going to have to call for them and potentially rendezvous.

- US Forrest Service reached out about a potential contract for coverage
- Tender 18-1-2 got all new tires, replacing 18 year old tires that were on there due to a blow out of one tire.
- Grants: There was grant information sent out about EV Chargers, we are looking into it to see if it would be something possible at the stations.
- Commissioner McDougall: Lets look into what it would take to do steel buildings instead of carports at the Robbins House behind or replacing the garage.
- Credit Card: Recent had a fraud alert, so the cards associated were closed. Received the new one, considering if there would be a better option for us. Currently, only Chief Sexton has a card, we are considering getting a second card for someone in the Department, just in case Chief is not available, with the understanding all purchasing authorization must still go through Chief. The Board of Commissioners authorized Chief Sexton to make decision about keeping the current Bank or move to another option for our credit card.
- Captain Menard: We are hosting the IV Tech class for the county again this year. Our department currently has 4 providers registered for the class starting in October. We also have 2 enrolled in the Evaluator Class in October.

#### Correspondence:

- Washington Fire Commissioners Association: Conference at the end of October.

#### Old Business:

- AC install is Complete.
- Back Up Cameras: Still in progress, looking at returning some of the ones we currently have to a higher quality for the larger vehicles. The distance is too much for the current cameras.
- Boat: Still in Progress: Working on going to visit some places to see different options and find the one that suits our department needs the best.
- Generator: We are working on quotes for replacement, as the current one has required multiple maintenance visits and we can't keep it running.
- Resolution 2023-13: "...all costs that include to the employer or employee related to Washington Cares Fund will be covered by the District. All costs will be covered from the program initiated by the State of Washington July 1, 2023. All costs associated with this program from its implementation to include any initial portion paid by the employee will be reimbursed and all future costs associated with be covered by the district." Motion made by Chair Cochran. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Bodin. Passed Unanimously.
- Budget Meeting scheduled for October 4, 2023 @10:00 am. We will be doing some projections on what the department will need over the next few years.


#### New Business:

- The Fire Marshall is making some suggestions to adopt NFPA standards for new construction in Mason County. AirBNB hosts are not always passing on Burn Restriction information to renters causing many call for fires.

Good of the Order:

- Captain Menard: Firewise is no longer working on the evacuation routes and now focusing more on Preparation. Chief Sexton asked if there could be some focus on address markers.
- We are doing a District BBQ after the meeting on 9/13/23 for the commissioners, volunteers and their families for everyone to have a chance to meet.
- Camille Lemke: Kiwanas for Kids Golf Tournament this weekend
- Beach Cutters Salon donated \$505.00 to the department. THANK YOU for your support!!
- Our crews did 3 mobes this year which brought in money for our equipment use.
- Chief Sexton: Thank you to everyone who helps make our department function. We are functioning at such a high level, its amazing to see the amount of people on our roster that are willing to commit supporting our community. Thank you to the Commissioners for continuing to support and allowing this all to happen. Because of all of this, Hoodspport has consistently had great responses to all calls.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:18 pm



Chair Cochran



Commissioner Bodin



Commissioner McDougall



Commissioner Weaver