

Snohomish County Fire District #4

MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING **BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**

DATE:	Monday, April 3, 2017
LOCATION:	Headquarters Fire Station #43 – Walsh Room 1525 Ave. D – Snohomish, WA

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	ROGER H PORTMANN , Chairman MARK HINTZ , Fire Commissioner JIM SCHMOKER , Fire Commissioner
STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:	Ron Simmons, District Secretary/Fire Chief Sharon Wilson, Executive Assistant

ROLL CALL

Chairman Portmann called the meeting to order at 1900 hours. All members of the Board were present.

ADOPT/ADJUST AGENDA

There were no changes or additions to the agenda.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Discussion: There were no comments or questions regarding the minutes of the March 20, 2017 regular meeting.

Action: Commissioner Schmoker made a motion to approve the minutes, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Hintz and passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS

Staffing and the Affordable Care Act

Chief Simmons included in the Board Packet an Email correspondence that he had with our attorney regarding the Affordable Care Act. Chief said he wants to know if the Board is still comfortable with taking the stand that the attorney suggested relating to paying penalties. A discussion followed. Commissioner Schmoker said for this year he feels we should go with the advice of the attorney and, in the future, look at addressing this again depending on what is going on politically. A discussion followed about the Healthcare Exchange. Chief said we will take the advice of the attorney at this time.

ACTION ITEMS

Financial Business

Accounts Payable

Discussion: Batch #323493 is in the amount of \$16,869.90. Commissioner Hintz asked about item 21 on page 6, Verizon Wireless for \$790.32. Chief Simmons said that is for all the wireless phones and our hotspot devices. He also asked about Item 1 and 14 lodging on pages 7 for \$308.76 and 8 for \$601.56. Chief Simmons said this is for the EMS conference that several people attended.

Chairman Portmann mentioned item 11 on page 3 for \$3,630.60 to Percell Tire. Chief Simmons said this was for the purchase authorization approved at the last meeting to replace ambulance tires. This item was in the budget for this year. Chairman Portmann also asked about item 15.2 on page 5 in the amount of \$624.49 for fuses. Chief Simmons looked up the bill and said this is for 216 road flares.

Action: Commissioner Hintz moved to accept the warrants. It was seconded by Chairman Portmann and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public in attendance

DISTRICT STAFF AND WORK GROUP COMMENTS

Chief Simmons said we have 10 applications for the Finance Assistant position so far. He said we have had mixed reaction on what we are going to do with Kirk Nordlund's position. He said we will advertise per the job description we have now with a heavy emphasis on the facilities and maintenance side and less on apparatus. Sharon Wilson and Chief Simmons are going to work on the Department's social media issue. Chief said our attorney, Sofia, is out of the country until next week. And that her partner sent out our final offer to the Local today relating to the grievances, staffing policy, and a contract extension offer. It is now in their hands. A discussion followed.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Schmoker said he is sorry that he was unable to attend the Open House on Thursday.

At 1922 hours, the Regular Board Meeting was adjourned.

**MINUTES OF REGULAR FIRE COMMISSIONERS BOARD MEETING,
APRIL 3, 2017**

Minutes prepared and submitted by:


Sharon Wilson, Executive Assistant

MINUTES APPROVED BY FIRE COMMISSIONER:


4/17/17
Date