

SOUTH WHIDBEY FIRE/EMS
SPECIAL MEETING
5579 Bayview Road, Langley, Washington
November 18th, 2019 – 6:00 PM

Minutes

Attendance: Chairman Mestemacher, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Hawley, Chief Palmer.

In Audience: Caitriona Costello, Mike Noblet, Deputy Chief Mike Cotton, Rebekah Pomeroy, Sherrye Wyatt, FF/EMT Leah Kalahiki, FF/EMT Billy Piepenbrink, FF/EMT Robbie Husom, FF/EMT Sean McDougald, FF/EMT Alex McMahon.

- I. Call to Order. Chairman Mestemacher called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Approval of Agenda. Commissioner Simmons made a motion to accept the Agenda as presented, motion seconded by Commissioner Hawley.
- IV. New Business –
 - a. **2020 Budget Review and Approval.** Chief Palmer stated that he would like to request that the budget lines effected by the potential union contract remain in the budget for now, even if the contract will not be approved at this meeting. Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve the budget as presented; Chairman Mestemacher seconded. Commissioner Hawley opposed. Motion carried.
 - b. **Resolution 2019-15a Levy & Budget Certification.** Commissioner Hawley read aloud a statement regarding the levy lid lift prepared by herself and provided copies to the public and Board members. Chief Palmer reminded the Board and attendees that this Levy and Budget Resolution is required to be received by Island County so that the Fire District can received its annual property tax money; these resolutions are not asking for any additional funds other than the annual 1% the District is entitled to.

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-15a Levy and Budget Certification. Chairman Mestemacher seconded the motion. Commissioner Hawley abstained from voting. Motion carried.
 - c. **Resolution 2019-15b Levy Certification.** Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-15b, Levy Certification. The motion was seconded by Chairman Mestemacher. Commissioner Hawley abstained from voting. Motion carried.
 - d. **Resolution 2019-16 Increase Property Tax Levy 1%.** Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-16, Increase Property Tax Levy by 1%. The motion was seconded by Chairman Mestemacher. Commissioner Hawley opposed with no comment. Motion carried.
 - e. **Resolution 2019-17 Substantial Need Levy.** Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-17, Substantial Need Levy. The motion was seconded by Chairman Mestemacher. Commissioner Hawley abstained from voting. Motion carried.
 - f. **Ratification and Signature of contract with IAFF Local 5212.** After some discussion, Commissioner Simmons made a motion to table until the December regular meeting, motion was seconded by Commissioner Hawley. Chief Palmer suggested a workshop for the Board prior to the next regular meeting to discuss the contract; no decisions will be made during the workshop. Potential dates December 4th-12th, date TBD. Chief Palmer asked the Board to determine a date that would work for them and let him know.

V. Conclude. Chairman Mestemacher concluded the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

Sarah Pedersen,
District Secretary