

SOUTH WHIDBEY FIRE/EMS
REGULAR MEETING
5579 Bayview Road, Langley, Washington
May 13th, 2021 – 5:30 PM
Agenda

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Attendance via GoTo Meeting: Chairman Metz, Vice Chairman Noblet, Commissioner Mestemacher, Chief Palmer.

In Audience: Deputy Chief Terry Ney, FF/EMT Barry Pomeroy, Lt Leah Kalahiki, Susan Prentiss, Sherrye Wyatt.

- I. Call to Order. Chairman Metz called meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
- II. Approval of Agenda. Commissioner Noblet made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; Commissioner Mestemacher seconded.
- III. Public Input. Barry Pomeroy thanked the Commissioners for proceeding with the full-time firefighter program and encouraged them to move forward for recruiting. Chief Palmer stated there was no word yet regarding the District's new lid lift taxes received, but we are moving forward for start dates of July 1st as a soft window for the full-time firefighter conversion. Commissioner Noblet stated that he appreciates the support of the direction the department is headed.
- IV. Consent Agenda - All matters listed within the Consent Agenda have been distributed to each member of South Whidbey Fire/EMS's Board of Commissioners for reading and study. They are considered to be routine, and will be enacted by one motion of the Commissioners with no separate discussion. If separate discussion is desired, that item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda by request.
 - a. Approval of Minutes
 - i. Regular Meeting on April 8th, 2021
 - b. Finance Officer's Reports –
 - c. Monthly Vouchers— \$218,342.14Commissioner Noblet made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda; Commissioner Mestemacher seconded.
- V. **Unfinished Business** – None.

VI. **New Business** –

- a. **Union Contract Negotiations.** Chief Palmer stated that there will be a union contract negotiation meeting next week – the current union contract will be edited to include full time Firefighters. We will receive a document in June from the Washington Fire Commissioner’s Association that will show us salary comparables.
- b. **Request for Proposals Approval - Executive Recruiting Services.** Chief Palmer stated that the District will request proposals from agencies to assist the District in finding his replacement by April of 2022. He will publish the request immediately and they will be due June 18th, and will be presented during the July 8th commissioner meeting for approval. Commissioner Mestemacher made a motion to approve the District’s request to find executive recruiting services; Commissioner Noblet seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Chief Palmer will get the advertisement published on Monday.

VII. **Announcements:** Chief Palmer stated that guidance from the CDC is stating that fully vaccinated individuals no longer need to wear a mask or socially distance. The District could potentially reopen on June 30th with the Governor’s office guidance, and the next meeting could be in person.

VII. **Comments from Commissioners.** Commissioner Metz stated that he appreciates seeing internal District emails and social media events that have been listed.

VIII. **Executive Session** – None.

IX. **Action taken as result of Executive Session:** n/a

X. **Conclude.** Commissioner Noblet moved to adjourn the meeting, which was second by Chairman Metz. Meeting concluded the meeting at 5:51pm.

Vicki Lange,
Alternate District Secretary