

**SOUTH WHIDBEY FIRE/EMS
REGULAR MEETING
5535 Cameron Road, Freeland, Washington
March 13, 2014 - 5:30 PM**

Minutes

In Attendance:

Chairman Kenon Simmons
Commissioner Mike Helland
Commissioner Bob Elliot
Chief Rusty Palmer

In Audience – AC Busch, Gary Gabelein, Ben Watanabe

- I. Call to Order – Chairman Simmons called the meeting to order at 5:27pm.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Approval of Agenda – Commissioner Helland moved to approve the agenda; motion carried.
- IV. Public Input – FF Gabelein complimented the Awards Banquet.
- V. 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 February 13, 2014
 - b. Finance Officer’s Reports –
 - c. Monthly Vouchers –
 - i. Payroll Warrants \$64,266.40
 - ii. Vendor Warrants \$106,317.98

Commissioner Elliot moved to approve the consent agenda; motion carried.

- VI. Unfinished Business –
 - a. Surplus vehicles – Commissioner Helland moved to approve Resolution 2014-04 for surplus apparatus; motion carried. The surplus list includes, 1987 Ford Marion Engine, 1993 Chevrolet C3500 Flatbed, 1994 Chevrolet C1500 Pickup, 1998 Chevrolet K3500 Rescue, 2002 Yamaha Waverunner with Trailer.
- VII. New Business –
 - a. Bayview Fire Station discussion - Chief Palmer led a discussion about the potential to build the Bayview station to replace Station 36. Pricing was received from two sources with estimates between \$5.1 and \$5.4 million based on current plans, which are hopefully higher than actuals. Two options to fund the project were discussed. First, a public voted bond in which the District would request a tax increase to cover the bond, and second, a councilmanic bond used to secure a low interest general obligation loan, about 3.25% APR over 20 years for approximately \$4.5 million. This would allow a yearly payment from the District’s capital funding rather than increasing tax rates. Chief Palmer recommended the latter. Officers will begin looking at the revised plan from Carletti this evening. The plans will be introduced to

the members at the All District Meeting on 3/18. Construction could potentially begin in mid-2015 if approved. The Board directed the Chief to move forward with researching the low interest general obligation bond.

VIII. Announcements –

- a. All Department Meeting Tuesday March 18th. The first portion will be a special district meeting at 7:00pm.
- b. Office Assistant interviews completed narrowed down to two candidates.
- c. Bill 6954 training for elected officials for open meetings.
- d. Utility truck conversion almost complete.
- e. A reminder of the upcoming June Commissioner's conference in Chelan.

IX. Varia – none

X. Executive Session – none

XI. Action taken as result of Executive Session – na

XII. Concluded – 6:02pm

Cindy Rehberg
District Secretary