Mason County Fire District 18 Board of Commissioners

November 13, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Chair Cochran at 1700 hours. Also present was Commissioner Barb Bodin and Commissioner McDougall.

Fire Personnel: Michael Sexton, Scott Diener

Guests: Joe Cochran, Mark Fischer, Lilly Wuestner, Pat O'Brien, Leah O'Brien

Secretary: Karen Thomas

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent/Approval of the Agenda: Agenda was approved as presented. Motion by Commissioner Bodin. 2^{nd} by Commissioner McDougall. Passed Unanimously.

Previous Minutes:

Hoodsport Fire & EMS

October 9, 2024: Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Bodin moved to accept, 2nd by Commissioner McDougall. Passed Unanimously.

Treasurer's Report/Payment of Bills and Payroll:

Total of \$78,680.78 Bills and Payroll for the month of October.

\$71,454.46 in EXPENSE

\$7,226.32 in EMS

Motion to pay the bills and payroll made by Commissioner Bodin. 2nd by Commissioner McDougall. Passed Unanimously.

Chiefs Report:

October calls:

District 18: 53

District 17: 15

PFA Insurance Coverage for foam and gear. We are covered once it is verified it is related to the fire department.

Still have some foam with PFA's that we are waiting on direction on how to dispose of.

We have some radios we are going to bring to the commissioners to request to surplus next month

We are working through some third-party billing deposits being put into the wrong accounts.

We submitted receipts to Kiwanas for reimbursement of the boat and supplies for the boat in the amount of: \$79,086.17.

We got the boat antenna mounted as well as ordered foul weather jumpsuits. The jumpsuits increase survivability for up to 4 more hours in the water.

We currently have three in IV Tech class, four in the Mason County Fire Academy, and two away at their paramedic bootcamp.

The Hood Canal Cert Team has requested use of Station 18-2 for the meetings. We are coordinating.

DEM is providing a CERT Trailer for District 17 and 18 to have readily available if needed to be stored at Station 18-2. It is insured by DEM.

CERT Team: Al Wurth is instructing. It is starting to become a more usable system with their continued ongoing training and changing their activation method, rather than using the phone tree system.

We are opening our paramedic scholarship soon.

We have requested the server update with Hood Canal Communications, ours is no longer supported.

Discussion was had on MCFD 17: Working on getting them on our same schedule for maintenance of buildings, vehicles, hose and ladders, trainings, etc.

Commissioner Schedule was emailed out. Mark McDougall is up for election next year.

Old Business:

We have submitted our renewal application to the Department of Health for our transport and ambulance license.

Motion made to surplus our old hydraulic extrication set to West Mason by Commissioner McDougall. 2^{nd} by Commissioner Cochran. Passed Unanimously.

New Business:

Commissioner Bodin: The grocery store put together Thanksgiving Dinner kits, and we are hoping to be able to donate some to the food bank.

We would like to schedule a Town Hall Meeting to talk about the potential upcoming merger with MCFD 17 as well as put together a mailer with information. Meeting set for January 11, 2025 at 1:00 pm with a zoom option.

Budget: line by line of suggested 2025 budget reviewed. Final budget meeting set for 11/19/24 at 5:00 pm after the county paperwork is ready.

FEMA Grants: We are participating in two regional grants as well as submitting for a diesel exhaust system for our department and a zoll monitor.

We are working through participating in the GEMT program for Medicaid reimbursement.

Good of the Order:

Commissioner Mark McDougall to MCFD 17: If the merger goes through, you are lucky to have Chief Sexton and Karen.

Executive Session *RCW* 42.30.110(1)(g): To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. However, subject to RCW 42.30.140(4), discussion by a governing body of salaries, wages, and other conditions of employment to be generally applied within the agency shall occur in a meeting open to the public, and when a governing body elects to take final action hiring, setting the salary of an individual employee or class of employees, or discharging or disciplining an employee, that action shall be taken in a meeting open to the public;

7:15 pm- 7:35 pm

NO ACTION TAKEN

Meeting Adjourned at 7:38 pm

Chair Cochran

Commissioner McDougall

Commissioner Bodin