



2020 Budget Hearing and Business Meeting Minutes, November 13, 2019

BVFF Committee: Bill, Kate, Chief Andrews and Karen (recorder) were present. Carsen Smith was not in attendance.

There were no BVFF charges to approve.

The budget hearing and business meeting was called to order at 19:55. Present were Commissioner Chair Bill Tubbs, Vice Commissioner Pat Sample, and Commissioners Kate Hayes, Michelle Adie, Molly Olson, Doug Rupp and Leigh Christianson. Also present were Chief Eric Andrews, Assistant Chief Ernie Walters, MSA Matt Abers, Captain Scott Coulson, and Secretary Karen McPeters (recorder)

Public Commentary: No public commentary.

Reports:

EXECUTIVE

Chief Andrews spoke with State Representative Carolyn Eslick's office regarding several issues of concern to the district, including presumptive disease for volunteers, increasing volunteer incentives, and language around M&O levies. She suggested approaching the legislature through the WA State Fire Commissioners.

The leadership retreat for admin personnel and officers will be on the 11th of Jan.

OPERATIONS

The Town of Gold Bar has removed all records from the auxiliary building but is still reviewing the contract releasing all rights.

Station 55 needs upgraded power drop to the building enclosure.

Uniform patches are being updated to the new SVF style, and a new badge design will be discussed at the leadership retreat.

The final GEMT payment for 2018 has been deposited. PCG is working on 2019 calculations now.

EMS

The Vail contract was renewed. 4 additional medics have been taken on for staffing the pass.

The EMT class begins in January.

Joe Simmons has been promoted to MSO Captain, focusing on EMS training.

Joint training is scheduled with Stevens Pass ski patrol in December, and training with FD 5 and KCFD 50 is ongoing.

Three options for the new EMS unit are under review, as we look to go out to bid for this unit for purchase in 2020.

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**SUPPORT**

The phone system has been ordered. Quotes are being accepted for the networking cable installation.

Nelson Geotech has sent the preliminary training property report to Harmsen so they can start working on the drainage plan.

The ESTA training facility is very busy, and in 2020 usage fees will be raised to ensure full coverage of the cost of operating the facility. Use will be scheduled to minimize smoke and noise affecting neighboring properties.

The Fire Academy graduation will be at Snohomish Fire on the 18th.

Secretary's Report

The Systems Design and run reports are available for review.

Budget

Expenditures are at 91%

2020 Budget Hearing

The 2020 budget was formally adopted. Tax Levy resolutions 2019-06 through 2019-09 were presented for approval by Bill, seconded by Pat and approved unanimously and signed, authorizing collection of 2020 taxes.

Minutes: Molly moved to approve the October minutes. With a second from Michelle, the motion passed unanimously.

Vouchers: Bill moved to approve vouchers 484 through 531-19 for \$78,116.80 from the regular Expense fund, and voucher 532-19 for \$3,875.06 from the Construction fund. With a second from Doug, the motion passed unanimously.

Payroll: Bill moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$111,489.33 (\$23,841.35 to be reimbursed from CA EMAC). With a second from Michelle, the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

The lack of an agreement with District 5 for medic services was discussed. The Chief proposed that the charge be some percentage of their EMS budget relating to the number of calls we respond to. Negotiations are also ongoing between Dist 7 and 5.

The commissioners who attended the WFCFA conference shared some cyber security and mental health awareness information.

Action Items

Bill moved to approve Resolution 2019-05, DBA Sky Valley Fire. With a second from Doug, the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Commissioner Rupp spoke to Representative Eslick about the cell feasibility study. She noted

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that the sheriff's department is also concerned about poor communication up the valley and wondered if their concerns could be tied in with the Galena Road cell project.

There will be a holiday party at Camp Huston on Dec 14, 5-8:00.

Next meeting January 8, 7:00 pm at Station 53.

Adjournment 9:27.

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