



Draft Business Meeting Minutes, November 11, 2020

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

There were no BVFF charges to approve.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm on video conference using Zoom app, with a link posted for public access. Present were Commissioner Chair Bill Tubbs, Vice Commissioner Chair Pat Sample, and Commissioners Michelle Adie, Molly Olson, Doug Rupp and Leigh Christianson. Also present were Chief Eric Andrews, Assistant Chief Ernie Walters, Division Chief Jarrod Spence, Captain Rob Thurston, Captain Brandon Vargas, Captain Scott Coulson and Secretary Karen McPeters (recorder).

Public Commentary: No public

EXECUTIVE

As of Monday the lid lift was approved by 70.56% of the vote with a record of 2,850 ballots cast. I am sure the record voting was simply because of the fire district election.

Tonight is the public budget meeting, however it has to be done by Zoom. Enclosed you will find the resolutions for tax collection in 2021 as well as the proposed line item budget for 2021. After reviewing the budget we will need motions to approve it and the three levy resolutions.

The annual retreat has been moved to Jan 17 due to schedule conflicts.

OPERATIONS

This week we submitted another COVID-19 PPE Grant to FEMA for future PPE needs (gloves, gowns, faceshields, booties, N95 masks, respirators, surgical masks) to help protect our personnel and our patients. The total for the grant is \$30,132.60 and if awarded will allow us to buy PPE to carry us through the middle of next year.

We have been fit testing personnel and training them on the use of the new SCBAs. The goal is to have them in service this week (depending on the availability of different size masks) or early next week.

The old SCBAs will be designated as training packs and will be used for the fire academy.

The hope is to get funding for station repairs (53), and remodel (54) in the form of a non-voter approved loan, by the end of this year or beginning of next year and start the first project in February or March of 2021.

SUPPORT SERVICES

We continue to import data into Target Solutions, our new medium for tracking and implementing training. The more we work with it, the more we find it beneficial to the department and its members. With Covid on the rise, training will remain distance learning- with the exception of on-duty training and those who come to participate in training to meet their requirements.

The fire academy is almost complete. Next weekend will be the final exam for IFSAC FF2, and the following, 18 members will be graduating. Over 500 meals were served over the course of the academy so thanks to Rob for managing the logistics. Also, a special thanks to Steve McCormack who has been heavily involved, as well as to everyone else who has taken part.

The EMT class has sent out its acceptance emails to 24 recruits. The class starts in the new year and is made up of members from the current fire academy as well as others from around the county. Currently there is a waiting list of 5+ people.

The burn facility has been very active recently, hosting departments from Bellingham, Shoreline, Kirkland, Woodinville and a majority of the Snohomish County departments. With the heavy schedule a bobcat was rented to help with the loading.

EMS

Vail is again seeking a contract for a medic at the ski resort. The updated contract includes language about having workers comp in excess of \$500,000 for Covid. BVFF exceeds this level of coverage.

Secretary's Report

The Systems Design report and run totals are available for review. The financial and accountability audits are completed.

Budget

Currently at 93%.

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

Vouchers: Bill moved to approve vouchers 486 through 527 for \$339,240.35 and voucher 5 from the Construction Fund for \$4,095. With a second from Pat, the motion passed unanimously.

Payroll: Bill moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$209,852.24. With a second from Michelle, the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

The board discussed funding options for the station repairs and remodel of station 54. Bill moved that the chief pursue a \$600,000 non-voted bond for the repairs to station 53, remodel of station

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54, and completion of the training facility.

2021 Budget Hearing

The hearing commenced at 8:15, the proposed 2021 budget was discussed, and was approved at 8:26. Leigh moved to accept the 2021 budget as presented, and with a second from Pat, the budget was unanimously approved and the budget meeting closed.

Levy resolutions 2020-3, 2020-4 and 2020-5 were presented.

Resolution 2020-3 Tax Levies: Bill moved to approve, and with a second from Michelle, the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2020-4 EMS Levy: Bill moved to approve, and with a second from Michelle, the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2020-5 Levy Certification for 2021: Bill moved to approve, and with a second from Pat, the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Christianson reported on WFCA webinars attended, and the Sno-Isle Commissioners' Meeting, which covered Sno911 radios. There is a dues holiday since there will be no training and no banquet this year due to Covid.

Next meeting December 9, on Zoom.

Adjournment 8:43 pm

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