

OKANOGAN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #6
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
January 11th, 2021

PRESENT: Commissioner Stokes, Commissioner Palm, Commissioner Brandenburg, ~~Commissioner Stokes~~, Asst Chief Stamps, Secretary Mark Crum, other people attending include: Brian McAuliffe, Keith Comstock, Paul & Emily Sisson (via conference call)

All attendees were social distanced and wore face masks. Room had been sanitized ahead of time, and were at less than 25% occupancy.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Additions to agenda:

No additions to agenda.

Minutes approval:

Commissioner Palm makes a motion that we approve the minutes for the ~~December~~^{September 14th} meeting, Commissioner Stokes seconded, all were in favor.
Commissioner

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Financial Report:

Grand Balance \$521,143.46 Commissioner Stokes made a motion to approve the Treasures report, Commissioner Brandenburg seconded, all were in favor.

Public Comment: n/a

CORRESPONDENCE: n/a

Old Business:

New District Station

Logs: Tabled discussion from last meeting, regarding the logs/trees on the property. Chief Acord talked with the attorney, and determined that Commissioners can be reimbursed for costs if they move the logs to the mills. Costs could be fuel, truck time, and driver cost.

Commissioner Brandenburg made a motion to proceed with the sale of the logs on the property, to try and earn some money for the District, Commissioner Stokes seconded, and all were in favor.

Chief Acord talked with the architect, and he was able to answer questions the commissioners had. There is power by gutters, thinks parking blocks can be moveable, said increase in snow load to ~~over 100 100/foot increases cost significantly~~ will increase the cost, bigger building block, etc. Estimated lb per square foot is at 94 lbs per square foot.

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Engineer has contracted COVID, and that has put him a little behind on the time line. He is working on putting together the spec books for the new building.

Cell Tower Lease:

Tabled from last meeting was discussion about the

- 1- Signing bonus \$4000, lower to \$425/month + 10% escalation starting 2022
- 2- Signing bonus of \$2000, lower to \$550/month = 7.5% escalation starting 2022
- 3- One-time payment of \$97,000, which would give them a perpetual easement on the property

Board is leaning towards the option 3, but will discuss further as future meeting. Chief Acord will request a contract for option 3 to review.

New Business:

Audit:

Preliminary report from the 2017-2019 audit is good from the auditor. There are no official findings

Reserve Fund:

Commissioner Palm makes a motion to move \$100,000 from reserve fund to the general fund to cover expenses until first round of tax income comes in, Commissioner Stokes seconded all were in favor.

Chiefs Report:

Commissioners reviewed Chief Acord's 2020 report. Year in summary, COVID challenges, fire station levy passed, Betti Grant, New Tender (T641), 9 new recruits, 2nd highest call volume in history of District, Cold Springs fire, Chewuch string of fires, largest fire despite of extreme weather was 5 acres which was good, 1 major structure fire in Twisp River, 3 state FF haz-mat certifications, 144 hours of training. All testing still completed, hose testing, ladder testing, pump testing. 1 year extension with Town of Twisp.

Chief Acord presented the monthly accruals for the staff.

Public Comment #2

Paul Sisson has a public comment. Said the audio was poor during first part of meeting. Has a question about implications of the bid documents getting out later because the timeline moving back, does bonding agent think this will have any adverse effect. Chief Acrod projects being two weeks later, and that bond rates are still at all-time low.

Good of the order:

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Commissioners reviewed voucher reports from previous meetings that were held via zoom. New Vouchers signed and approved by Commissioners.

The ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8.26 PM.

Commissioner Jerry Palm

ATTEST: _____
Mark Crum, Secretary