

Whatcom County Fire District No. 11
Board of Fire Commissioners
3809 Legoe Bay Road, Lummi Island, WA. 98262
December 13th, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Wendell Terry at 3809 Legoe Bay Road, Lummi Island, WA 98262 called the Regular Meeting for December 13th, 2022 to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: In attendance were Commissioner Bill Lee (zoom), Commissioner Wendell Terry (zoom), Commissioner Dan Ohms (zoom), Chief Michael Lish (in-person), and Board Secretary Lisa Lish (in-person).

GUEST: Asst Chief John Granger (zoom), Lt Chris Immer (zoom), FF Alissa Daschbach (zoom) and John Blair (zoom).

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes for the Public Hearing for the 2023 Budget on November 8th, 2022 were approved as submitted by Chairman Terry.

Minutes for the Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting on November 8th, 2022 were approved as submitted by Chairman Terry.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Lish reported that Brittany Swaen resigned due to personal time commitments, he thanked her for her service. The board requested a thank you card for Brittany, Secretary Lish will have one available for the Commissioners to sign along with the other documents from tonight's meeting. General discussion took place in regards to the old fire engine; repair and surplus vs surplus without repair. The district does not have the facilities to store the engine inside. The Board agreed for Chief Lish to pursue the repair and surplus of the old fire engine at the best value for the district.

PAYROLL:

Motion: Commissioner Dan Ohms made motion, "To approve the payroll for December 2022 (Hourly employees, Stipend and Battalion Shifts for November 2022; and current month December 2022 for Contracted Employees) in the amount of \$15,027.28." Seconded by Commissioner Bill Lee, AND PASSED 3-0.

BLANKET VOUCHERS:

The Board of Commissioners, at 3809 Legoe Bay Road, Lummi Island, WA 98262, reviewed the regular Blanket vouchers approval documents for December 2022 Expenses for approval of payments, on December 13th, 2022 and approved. "Vouchers audited and certified by RCW 42.24.080, and those expenses, reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been made available to the Board."

Motion: Commissioner Bill Lee made motion, "To approve the vouchers for December 2022 vouchers #221201001-221201013, and approve for payment those vouchers included in the list in the amount of \$9,799.75" Motion seconded by Commissioner Dan Ohms, AND PASSED 3-0.

FINANCIAL/SECRETARY REPORTS: October 2022 report given by Secretary Lisa Lish.

COMMUNICATIONS: Chief Lish shared with the Board a letter written to the Lummi Island Ferry Advisory Committee (LIFAC) in regards to the possible shut down of vehicle ferry operations for a projected 6 months in order to upgrade the docks for the new ferry. Chief Lish voiced his concern that he had not seen a plan or consideration for fire or emergency services during this time. The board thanked Chief Lish for his letter to LIFAC. Chief Lish asked LIFAC to keep him apprised of future meetings.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Chief Lish shared an email from Rich Frye president of the Hilltop Water Association in regards to the unauthorized goat fence place on the hilltop property blocking the path to the well on Granger Way that feeds the stand pipe the district uses for fire suppression. While the goat fence was in place the district was unable to maintain the path to the well and pump house. In the agreement between Hilltop and the District, the District is responsible to maintain the path. Mr. Frye reach out to let us know that the goat fence has been remove and wanted to discuss further actions. It appears that Hilltop does not have a copy of the agreement so Chief Lish will start with forwarding a copy of the agreement to Hilltop.

2023 Budget

Motion: Commissioner Bill Lee made motion, "To approve the 2023 Budget as presented." Motion seconded by Commissioner Dan Ohms, AND PASSED 3-0.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: None.

SIGNING OF THE DOCUMENTS:

Motion: There being no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Dan Ohms moved and Commissioner Bill Lee seconded, to adjourn the meeting, AND PASSED 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.


Board Secretary Lisa Lish


Commissioner Dan Ohms


Commissioner Bill Lee


Commissioner Wendell Terry

Approved at the Whatcom County Fire District # 11 Board of Commissioner Meeting on January 11th, 2022.