

**Snohomish County Fire District 7
8010 180th Street S.E.
Snohomish, WA. 98296**

**Summary Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
March 12, 2009**

Commissioner Waugh called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 0800 hours. Commissioners Waugh, Andrew, Doherty, Hausmann and Knapp were present.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

The Union comments were saved for the Management/Labor Economic Plan discussion.

Minutes:

The summary minutes of February 26, 2009 Regular Board Meeting were submitted for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Andrew moved for approval of the summary minutes of February 26, 2009 as submitted. Motion was second and passed.

Secretary Report:

No Correspondence was submitted.

There was no business for the Board of Volunteer Firefighters.

Financial Report:

The March 15, 2009 regular pay was submitted for approval in the amount of \$335,421.43.

MOTION: Commissioner Andrew moved for approval of the payroll as presented. Motion was second and passed.

Vouchers #251-09 - #316-09 in the amount of \$160,757.16 were submitted for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Hausmann moved for approval of the vouchers as submitted. Motion was second and passed.

Action Items:

Policy #033; a policy regarding reimbursement of travel, lodging, meals, and incidentals; was submitted for review. The policy was changed from the last reading to be a per diem policy.

MOTION: Commissioner Doherty moved for approval of Policy #033; a policy regarding reimbursement of travel, lodging, meals, and incidentals as submitted. Motion was second and passed.

Fire Chief Report:

The Fire Chief Report was accepted as submitted. Chief Eastman gave an update on the Training Property.

Discussion Items:

Chief Eastman and Union President Troy Smith gave a presentation regarding the Management/Labor Economic Plan. Commissioner Waugh stated that he would sign this plan/packet of MOUs in good faith with the Union.

MOTION: Commissioner Knapp moved to accept the 2009 Economic Budget/Staffing Adjustment contained in the document presented to the Board of Fire Commissioners at the retreat on March 10, 2009. Including the exceptions discussed to the document; 1) that on page 10, the volunteers will be paid per call only, 2) that the chaplain program will remain in place, and 3) that there will be, on the signature page of the agreement, a statement that reads: "The parties entered into this agreement due to the emergency financial conditions of the economy. There are no past practices created as the result of this agreement"; as submitted. Motion was second and passed.

Commissioners Andrew, Hausmann, Knapp, and Waugh voted yes on the motion. Commissioner Doherty voted No on the motion.

Old Business:

Chief Eastman stated that the Environmental report for the Training property is good. There was discussion regarding access roads to the property. Chief Eastman said he is trying to locate the "owner" of a small portion of the road. The county and Group 4 are working together to resolve the confusion.

The Management consultation report will be given at the Special Board Meeting on March 17, 2009 at 1200 hours.

New Business:

Chief Eastman stated that District 7 is invoking jurisdiction over the annexation of District 7 property by Bothell Fire. Chief Eastman has already sent the letter to the County. Chief Eastman spoke about a meeting he had with Bothell Fire and how they would be hiring 9.5 FTE Firefighters, but we would have to layoff Firefighters, so could there possibly be a contract to District 7. Bothell Fire is also looking to purchase land for a new fire station. Bothell stated they would have all the information for District 7 for the Boundary Review Board Hearing. Chief Eastman stated that it is possible that they will be rewriting the annexation and this will be excluding some King County areas. A copy of the Letter of Jurisdiction will be included in the minutes.

Committee Reports:

Safety Committee: Will meet on 2/23/09.

Joint Fire Board: No date given.

Leadership Meeting: Will meet on 04/08/09. Commissioner Hausmann gave a short report on the last meeting. He stated that 26 members were in attendance and that the topics of discussion were the Training Center, the Results of the Survey about the Training Center, the Bothell Annexation, and the Labor/Management Document.

SNOPAC: Will meet on 3/19/09. Commissioner Waugh gave a short report on the last meeting. He stated that the pre-tones work, the Emer buttons will be fixed, and that New World is moving forward with the recommendations.

Risk Management: Will meet on 04/28/09.

Joint Shop: Met on 3/24/09.

Training Committee: No date given.

Good of the Order:

Commissioner Doherty asked if somebody was taking Assistant Chief Andrews place while he was gone. Action on the succession plan will be an agenda item for the next Regular Board Meeting.

Adjournment:

The regular board meeting was adjourned at 0910 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gregg Knapp, Commissioner
Secretary of the Board