

**Snohomish County Fire District 7
8010 180th Street SE
Snohomish, WA 98296**

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

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

There was a special presentation of colors by Fire District #7 Color Guard in honor of Veteran's Day. Chief Eastman called all veterans up to the front from Fire District #7 for applause.

Service awards presented: Eric Wilson and Bill Gunterman were awarded their 5-Year service award. Battalion Chief Jaeger was presented with a 25-Year Service award.

Union Comment:

Lieutenant Smith reported overtime savings as \$195,216.00.

Minutes:

The summary minutes of the October 19, 2009 Regular Board Meeting were submitted for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Andrew moved to approve the summary minutes of October 19, 2009 as submitted. The motion was seconded and passed.

Financial Report:

The November 15, 2009 regular pay was submitted in the amount of \$361,254.58

MOTION: Commissioner Andrew moved for the approval of the payroll as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.
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Vouchers #1152-09 through 1234-09 in the amount of \$157,163.37 were submitted for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Hausmann moved for the approval of the vouchers as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.

Commissioner Andrew asked why the shop bill was so high, and Chief Andrews explained that we are paying for two months' worth.

Action Items:

Public Hearing for the Adoption of the 2010 Budget

CFO Tabor had a presentation regarding the 2010 Budget; she stated that our assessed value has decreased by 9.4% compared to last year, and our property tax collected is 1.2 million less. There will be budget cuts from various Expense funds and the only increase in budget is for training and personnel due

to cost of living adjustments. Commissioner Andrew asked a question regarding the ESCOBAR billing fees and if those increases were due to more billing, and CFO Tabor answered that we are generating about the same as before and the numbers are just more accurately depicted.

CFO Tabor presented budget projection for the next six years with estimated expenditures and revenue. The projection included an 11% decrease in property tax in 2011, if the Bothell annexation took place. Also, in 2011 – 12 firefighters could potentially move to Bothell, if the annexation happened, which was also reflected in the budget projection. There was discussion from Commissioner Waugh and Lieutenant Smith that we should try to keep our staff and work through it. Chief Eastman explains that this can potentially happen in a worst case scenario, and the budget is only a forecast.

Commissioner Doherty asked if the budget projection would change depending on how many pumpers we purchase today, and CFO Tabor replied that the budget included the purchase of two pumpers. There was a debate about the number of pumpers to purchase and it ended in disagreement. Commissioner Doherty would like to see three pumpers purchased as per the original plan, and quoted Chief Andrew's saying that the trucks are out of commission 75% of the time. Other opinions included: Chief Andrews who brought up the issue of storage space for the new trucks; Chief Eastman mentioned the truck we purchased two years ago, and Commissioner Waugh thought it would be safe if we spent conservatively so we don't dip into the starting cash balance if funds are low.

Resolution #2009-11 A Resolution establishing the regular property tax levy for the year 2010

MOTION: Commissioner Hausmann moved for the approval of resolution #2009-11 as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.

Resolution #2009-12 A Resolution establishing an increase in the EMS property tax levy for 2010

MOTION: Commissioner Knapp moved for the approval of resolution #2009-12 as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.

Resolution #2009-13 A Resolution establishing the district's substantial need for the EMS levy for 2010

MOTION: Commissioner Hausmann moved for the approval of resolution #2009-13 as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.

Discussion Item:

Memorandum of Understanding with Local #2781 – There were some issues in language that was changed regarding shift exchange where an employee works an overtime shift he/she shall choose to be compensated in one of two options. And overtime is available only to the employees in the event that the overtime is caused from another employee taking comp time.

Old Business:

Training Center Update: We had the first architect meeting on 11/9/2009 – City of Lynnwood and Woodinville Fire attended. The planning session took place, and if there are any questions it can be directed to Chief Clinton.

At 0945 hours there was a recess, the meeting was resumed at 1000 hours.

Woodinville Fire: They are planning on hiring a new fire chief and a merge with Fire District #7 will not take place.

New Business:

Award of Pumper Bid – We received three bids, and recommend Pierce due to the discounts that other proposals didn't include. Their pre-payment options reduce the cost and by using Oshkosh Capital in conjunction with Pierce will save the district an additional \$55,000.

Awarding of the Pumper bid to Pierce and using Oshkosh Capital:

<p>MOTION: Commissioner Knapp made a motion to award Pierce the Pumper bid and using Oshkosh Capital. The motion was seconded and passed.</p>
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Resolution #2009-15 A Resolution to finance fire trucks for Snohomish County Fire District 7 for the amount of \$954,433.21

<p>MOTION: Commissioner Knapp moved for the approval of resolution #2009-15 as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.</p>
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Retirement Medical Points: A presentation of the Retirement Medical Benefits by CFO Tabor – Projection of savings to the District until the year 2024. This projection includes eligible retiring employees, salary increase, and health care inflators. As long as the salary inflator and health care inflator is the same and healthcare is not more the district will save.

Commissioner Waugh expressed concerns regarding the District's possibility of shrinking, paying for retirees who may have other coverage, and other unknown factors. Lieutenant Smith commented that if we over think and state all exceptions the offer to retire early would not be appealing, and that would undermine the whole thing since having people retire earlier will save the district money. In conclusion, the board directed Lieutenant Smith to write a draft of the resolution. The board also wants to see a copy of the draft before the next board meeting.

Committee Reports:

The Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for November 30, 2009

Leadership Committee meeting is scheduled for December 2, 2009

SNOPAC meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2009.

Risk Management meeting is scheduled for April 27, 2010.

Joint Shop meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2009.

Training Committee meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2009

Executive Session:

The board went into Executive session at 1135 hours to discuss the contract for senior staff and was out at 1200. No action was taken in executive session.

Adjournment:

The regular meeting was adjourned at 1135 hours.

Camille Tabor
Secretary of the Board