

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

**Summary Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
May 13, 2010**

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

Union Comment: N/A

Minutes:

The summary minutes of the April 22, 2010 Regular Board Meeting was submitted for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Andrew moved to approve the summary minutes of April 22, 2010 as submitted. The motion was seconded and passed.
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General Public comment:

Gene Grieve spoke about his concerns and experience regarding the Bothell annexation. The NEWBA citizens were most upset with the County LDMRs. There was also no question that the level of service with Bothell police was higher than the Sheriff. He noted that the NEWBA failed miserably and that the NEWBA group was completely ignorant of the goals of the Fire District, and not experts in fire station location. The BRB ruled that Bothell did not have adequate police and fire. He added that he supports the District's disagreement, because Bothell will not provide the same level of service. He added that he is here to actively participate in his fire district, as our future is with Snohomish County.

Chief Eastman stated that when we presented our case at the BRB, Bothell was going to reduce coverage by 2 fire stations and still expected rely on mutual aid. Because the remaining property taxes would not support the stations, the mutual aid would have stopped.

Mr. Grieve noted that Bothell has to have agreements with the County and the Fire Districts to move ahead. He stated that his whole exercise has also torpedoed the efforts with Bothell.

He also expressed concern about the merger with District 1 and their contracting. Mr. Grieve noted that to merge with Fire District 1 brings in a very dense urban district. He added that with Mill Creek, he wants assurance of equality and that he would like to see them come in as a reverse annexation. We would like a fair review of the contract for tax-paying citizens. He provided a list of questions that he explained he does not expect to be answered immediately.

Commissioner Andrew invited him to come back any time, and he was glad he came. Commissioner Anderw added that our goal is to support all of our citizens. All we want to do is supply a first class fire district.

Commissioner Doherty asked for whether Mr. Grieve was here representing himself or the NEWBA group. Mr. Grieve confirmed that he was representing himself.

Mr. Grieve added that the City of Bothell have been decent people, and that he will wants to move on and to work with and support Fire District 7.

Union comment:

Lieutenant Smith reported overtime savings of \$53,875. He also asked for a resolution for the commissioners to support the 50 cent EMS levy.

Commissioner Doherty asked Chief Eastman to prepare something for the commissioners consideration.

Commissioner Waugh asked that it be verified because cities are different than fire districts.

Secretary's report:

Correspondence: None.

Board for Volunteer Firefighters – Chief Meek asked for approval of a voucher.

Audit Exit Conference

Financial Report:

The May 15, 2010 regular pay was submitted in the amount of 350,758.51

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

Vouchers #477-10 through 535-10 in the amount of \$132,471.31 were submitted for approval.

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

Action Items:

Chief Eastman explained that both resolutions are being presented in the event the first resolution fails in the primary so that it will follow in the general election. He stated that we will advertise for the pro and con committees. They will have approximately a week to prepare their pro and con statements. The voter pamphlet will be entirely electronic this time. Chief Eastman read the explanatory statement and provided a copy to the board.

Commissioner Waugh pointed out that the levy is different this time in that we have not asked for a permanent levy in the past.

Resolution #2010-04 – Submission of the EMS Levy on the Primary Election August 17, 2010

MOTION: Commissioner Hausmann moved for the approval of Resolution #2010-04. The motion was seconded and passed.

Resolution #2010-05 – Submission of the EMS Levy on the General Election November 2, 2010. This resolution will be rescinded in the event the EMS levy passes in the primary election.

MOTION: Commissioner Hausmann moved for the approval of Resolution #2010-05. The motion was seconded and passed.

Resolution #2010-06 - Authorizing Investment of SCFD Monies in the Snohomish County Investment Pool:

MOTION: Commissioner Hausmann moved for the approval of Resolution #2010-06. The motion was seconded and passed. Commissioner Doherty abstained.

5 minute break.

Discussion Items:

CFO Tabor discussed the tax collection report, explaining that we have collected over \$6 million dollars in property taxes through April 30th, which is almost 41% of the total 2010 levy.

Old Business:

Training Center Update

Chief Eastman stated that he has an estimate for the conditional use permit of \$385,890. He will present this to the committee on May 20th. Commissioner Waugh wanted to clarify whether this is separate from the architectural costs. Chief Eastman verified that it is. Chief Eastman explained that we still have to go through the conditional use permit process with the hearing examiner. He added that there are people asking questions about it right now, but have not voiced any concerns.

Merger Discussion

Chief Eastman attached the joint committee meeting minutes and the finance committee meeting minutes. There is another joint meeting scheduled here on June 2nd at 8:00 PM. The finance committee meeting has not been scheduled yet. They are comparing labor costs for both labor groups. Commissioner Waugh apologized for not distributing the minutes. Commissioner Andrew asked if he were to attend the committee meetings without participating whether there would be a quorum requiring advertising and minutes. It was confirmed that Commissioner Andrew's presence would constitute a quorum. Chief Eastman recommended discussing governance regarding a contract versus a formal annexation. Commissioner Hausmann stated that he would want to give to go to a contract first with plenty of time before going to a merger. Commissioner Waugh suggested discussing timelines, governance and oversight. Chief Eastman noted that it needs to be communicated to them. Lieutenant Smith stated that the union's recommendation is that there be a transitional interlocal agreement. Chief Eastman pointed out that it was unclear what the direction was to operations committee on what they were supposed to bring back to the next meeting. Commissioner Doherty expressed disappointment with the information that was brought back. He explained that he was expecting to see how the departments are right now and how they would be jointly. Lieutenant Smith stated that this is part of this process and we need to continue to work through that. Chief Eastman stated that we need to design a final blueprint of what this will look like.

Bothell Annexation

Chief Eastman noted that there is not a lot to report. He explained that Chief Widdis from District 1 needs the permission from his Commissioners to meet with Bob Stowe and Chief Eastman, so they have not yet met. Commissioner Waugh thought it should be brought up at the joint board meeting because he thought had already approved it.

New Business:

Chief Eastman will send out a press release on the voter pamphlets.

Committee Reports:

Commissioner Doherty asked about stair chairs. Chief Eastman said he had not seen anything about it, and that there has been no formal proposal come through. Chief Rauma explained that we have three of them, and that they were not purchased this year because there were no capital expenditures this year. Commissioner Andrew asked how much they are. Chief Rauma replied that they are about \$2000.

The Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for May 24, 2010

Joint Fire Board: TBA

Leadership Committee meeting was scheduled for May 5, 2010

SNOPAC meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2010

Risk Management meeting is scheduled: TBA

Joint Shop meeting is scheduled for June 29, 2010

Training Committee: May 20, 2010

Adjournment:

The regular meeting adjourned at 10:00 hours.

Camille Tabor
Secretary of the Board