

PIERCE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #3
WEST PIERCE FIRE & RESCUE.
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 16, 2024

Chair Dalton called the meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 5:30. A quorum was present with all Commissioners in attendance. Also in attendance were, A/C Hebeisen, A/C McGrady, D/C McCurdy, A/C McGrady, D/C Boltz, A/C Kelly.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Dalton called for a motion to approve agenda. Commissioner Clancy motioned. Commissioner Durr. All approved unanimously.

PRESENTATION

- Merit Award – Gus Hebish - Chief Sharp briefed the Board on the Merit award and the background of the Merit award. Called forward Gus Hebish and read the letter of appreciation and the history of the Merit Award., Commissioners and Staff thanked Gus for his dedication to this job.
- Maintenance Manager Promotion – Joseph Forbes – Chief Sharp briefed the Board on the promotion to Maintenance Manager. Chief Sharp briefed the Board on the position and how thankful we are that Joseph stepped up into this role. Joseph will do a great job and Commissioners and Staff thanked him for his hard work. Chief Sharp also presented Joseph with the Leadership book.
- Engineer Promotion – Mike Hawkins – Chief Sharp called forward Gus Hebish and Mike Hawkins. Mikes Dad, Mike, SR. pinned Mike with his new Engineer badge.
- Engineer promotion – Gus Hebish – Read both Gus and Mike their letter of promotion and briefed the Board on the history and background of their job. Gus Hebish's wife, Morgan, pinned Gus with his new badge. Commissioner and staff congratulated Gus on his new role as Engineer.
- Battalion Chief Promotion – Pete Bronoske – Chief Sharp called forward Pete Bronoske and briefed the Board of his new position. Read Pete his letter of promotion. A/C McGrady presented Pete with his new white helmet. Chief Sharp presented Pete with his Leadership book. Pete's wife, Nina, pinned Pete with his new Battalion Chief badge.

Chair Dalton adjourned the meeting at 5:46 to move to the Commissioners room for the remainder of the meeting.

Chair Dalton called the meeting back to order at 5:53.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board Minutes of June 18, 2024. Warrants #71954 through #72019 totaling \$527,158.41. Bond Warrant #002 - #71951 through #71953 totaling \$251,112.24. Warrants #72030 through #72079 totaling \$390,808.30. Warrants #72080 through #72115 totaling \$105,189.84. June 2024 Alarm Summary. Finance Report ending May 31, 2024.

CORRESPONDENCE

CITIZEN COMMENTS

STAFF REPORT

- Recent Incidents – A/C McGrady – Briefed the Board
 - July 4th had 21 incidents that were fire work related.
 - One fire in a home that was knocked down quickly.
- Chiefs Report – Chief Sharp

- Briefed the Board on the new position change for Training and Operations. Ryan McGrady will take this new spot and Ernst Hebeisen will take the EMS, Health and Safety position
- Pierce County Training Consortium changes and the consortium has disbanded. Central Pierce, Graham, and Orting are merging and changes needed to be met. Briefed the Board on the decision and how the decision was made. This path was in our best interest to work together but separate this into our own training center. Recruit Academy will be back in house beginning September 1st. Red Knights academy will be put back in place.
- Youth Academy was very successful. Chiefs were able to stick around and talk with the parents and public. Parents were very impressed with the academy and this was a top notch event. Thanked Haley Harn for her hard work and dedication to making this academy a success.
- June 21st three new paramedics graduated from TCC.
- Three more firefighters started paramedic school at TFD and two are now enrolled in TCC. Lots of interest in becoming a paramedic. We are excited to see this.
- July 18th is the Sister City luncheon with the City of Lakewood. D/C McCurdy will be attending.
- Forge 3 graduation is Friday the 19th. Most recruits are WPFRR
- Summerfest is Saturday the 20th at Fort Steilacoom.
- National Night out is August 6th.
- Quarterly Report was included in your Board packet.

ACTION ITEMS

- Cancel the August 06, 2024 Board of Commissioners meeting – **Chair Dalton called for a motion to cancel the August 06, 2024 meeting. Commissioner Sheeran motioned. Commissioner Casebolt seconded. All approved unanimously.**
- Resolution #171624-004 – Resolution declaring the intent to impose a voter-authorized benefit charge each year for six years and calling for an election within the district of a proposition to establish voter-authorized benefit charge on personal property and improvements to real property within the district for up to six years. – Chief Sharp briefed the Board and prepared a presentation on the Fire Benefits charge. The presentation was given to each Commissioner and power Point was presented. Chief Sharp stated the action requested tonight is to approve the Fire Benefit Charge model of funding and place on the November 5, 2024 ballot. **Commissioner Casebolt asked about a marketing plan. Chief Sharp briefed the Board on the marketing plan. Ready to hit the ground tomorrow for internal and external communication on how the FBC works. Very detailed plan is in place. Chair Dalton called for a motion to approve Resolution #071624-004. Commissioner Casebolt motioned. Commissioner Sheeran seconded all approved unanimously.**

BOARD COMMENTS

- **Commissioner Casebolt** – Ditto on promotions and Merit Awards. Thanks for the presentation. FBC is a great way for funding. Anxious to get out and start talking to people. Youth Academy is a great PR event. Parents are a great communicator for the department and a good way to grow our own. Kudos to all involved.
- **Commissioner Clancy** – Ditto on all the comments. Lots of work occurring at the property that we are looking at. Chief Sharp briefed the Board on how the property owners needed to do some work on the property and reached out to WPFRR.
- **Commissioner Durr** – Thanked Chief Sharp for the presentation. Nice to go to the Youth Academy Graduation. Extra enthusiastic crowd. Likes the awards to the specific kids. Gives a great impression of the fire dept. Well done.
- **Commissioner Sheeran** – Nice to see the promotions and Merit awards and how many people show to support their family and coworkers.

- **Chair Dalton** – Dittoed all the promotions and merit awards. Youth Academy is a great event. Thanked Chief Sharp for his presentation and stated it made more sense to him and glad we are turning to this funding mechanism.

ADJOURNMENT

There being nothing further to bring to the Board, Chair Dalton adjourned the meeting at 6:35 PM.

Next meeting: August 20, 2024 @ 5:30 Station 31



Tammy Lamb, District Clerk



Bart Dalton, Board Chair



Koree Wick, District Secretary