

ISLAND COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #1

Camano Island Fire & Rescue
REGULAR COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
Mabana Fire Station
March 24, 2014

Chairman Lich called the regular Commissioner's meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Paul Williams, Erik Shouse, Don Timmerman, Stephen Lich, Pat Metz, Levon Yengoyan, Mike Ganz, Craig Helgeland and Darla Tiner. There were several guests and Crew present for a total of 47.

Chairman Lich called for a moment of silence for all those affected by the Oso Mud Slide.

The flag salute was led by Commissioner Metz.

Commissioner Metz moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Timmerman seconded; motion carried by unanimous vote.

It was requested to pull items #3 and #4 from the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA –

1. Minutes of March 10, 2014, Regular Meeting
2. Approval of Vouchers: 2 EFT's for \$65,047.06, Payroll EFT for \$150,994.45, Expense Vouchers #141256-141305 for \$65,294.06, Medical Voucher #141306 for \$10,987.18, all totaling \$292,322.75.

Commissioner Metz moved to approve the Consent Agenda items 1 and 2 as presented, with one minor edit to the March 10, 2014, Minutes. Commissioner Timmerman seconded; motion carried by unanimous vote.

#3 - Final Approval of Lexipol SOP's – See Attachment – Pulled from Consent Agenda so that the Commissioners may have more time to review them.

#4 - Ratification of SOP Article 300, Policy 31 – Volunteer Firefighter Scholarship – Pulled from the Consent Agenda so it could be presented to the SOP Committee for review.

Chief's Report – Chief Ganz spoke to CIFR's involvement in the Oso Mud Slide incident, Volunteer Battalion Chief calls status clarification, Shop Remodel status, DOL office lease/change in management & notification to the Board that the Chief will be retiring around August of 2014.

CORRESPONDENCE – Article in local paper, and thank you from elementary school for Crew involvement in their reading program and art day.

PUBLIC INPUT –

Volunteer Leadership Input – Battalion Chief Waite thanked the Board for the recent upgrades to the Mabana Fire Station.

WORKSHOP – Discussion of Call Response for South End of Camano Island – Discussion held with Citizens living in the South End of Camano regarding their concerns of call responses in their area and the District's policies regarding such.

Public Input During Workshop - Some points of concern brought by attending Citizens:

1. District's Protocol for use of Lights and Sirens when responding to calls and when transporting patients.
2. Relations between Volunteers and Paid Crews.
3. Response times to calls at South End of Island.
4. Pay limits on Volunteers and the ability to respond to calls.
5. How often is Island without Paramedics while they are transporting patients. Increase number of Paramedics in District.

6. Protocol for use of District Rigs.
7. Staffing at Mabana Fire Station with paid Crew - effect on Volunteers & and how District will pay for that.
8. How can Volunteers attend required District Training when they work nights.

The Chief and Board responded to the concerns presented and held discussions on several of the topics. Those discussions included the points that:

- Camano Island Fire and Rescue must operate under the license of a Medical Program Director and follow their protocols, plus the Snohomish County protocols; this includes the protocol for Lights and Siren usage. The District does use Lights and Sirens routinely, but only when it is safe to do so and not at undue risk to civilians.
- Volunteers can train with the paid Crews anytime and can also set up a training session with their Officer.
- Relations between Crews have been pretty good, with a few exceptions, which is no different than any other combination fire dept. Volunteers are encouraged, and have ridden with paid Crews on numerous calls.
- Federal law prohibits any Volunteer from making more than 20% of the salary of a paid person in the same job position. This does not restrict any District employee from responding to as many calls as they are able. There are no maximum call restrictions for Volunteers.
- Captain Allen responded to the protocol for use of District Rigs., including how large rigs park at public venues for safety concerns.

Commissioner Shouse asked the Citizens how they would like to have the Mabana Station staffed. The response was that they would like a paid day crew as long as it does not affect their Volunteer Crew.

Commissioner Timmerman mentioned the EMS Levy renewal will be coming up and that the Volunteers are absolutely vital to the operations of the District.

Chief Ganz was asked to explain how the non-passage of the last Fire Levy affected the District.

One Citizen asked people to remember, when being concerned about patient transport times, that the patient is already in the care of trained medical Crews while enroute to the hospital.

One Citizen who had concerns regarding the Crew response time for their spouse's situation, did state that the attending Crews gave excellent care.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Commissioner Meeting Monday, April 14, 2014, at the Administration office.

Special Meeting Sunday, April 13, 2014, at the Vista/Madrona Fire Station from 10am to 5pm – Agenda: Strategic Planning.

The regular meeting recessed at 9:34 p.m. and went into executive session at 9:54 p.m. to review the performance of a public employee per RCW 42.30.110(g). It was expected to last ¼ hour.

The executive session adjourned at 10:12 p.m. and immediately went back into regular session with no action taken.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darla Tiner
Board Secretary