

# YCFD#2 Board of Commissioner Meeting Minutes, February 13, 2024

- A. Call to Order: 18:32
- B. Roll Call: *Commissioner Rex Reed, Commissioner Dan Boyle, Commissioner Brad Helms, Chief Jim Lange, Lieutenant Cody Roberts, Secretary Christine Willis, Guest Cliff Peterson (14:06)*
- C. Approval of Minutes: *January 9, 2024, Meeting Minutes; Motion to approve by Commissioner Boyle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Reed, all in favor, approved.*
- D. General Business:
  - 1. Financial Report:
    - a. Deposits:
    - b. Fund Balances:

(1) Expense Fund.....	\$ 213,268.61
(2) Fire Inv. Pool .....	\$ 1,948,150.00
(3) EMS Fund.....	\$ 3,669.41
(4) EMS Inv. Pool.....	\$ 28,530.00
(5) Fire Reserve Fund.....	\$ 24.84
(6) Fire Reserve Inv Pool.....	\$ 1,328.00
    - c. Review of Expense Vouchers:

(1) .....	\$ 0.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

*Commissioner Helms asked what the Fire Reserve Fund and Fire Reserve Inv Pool was. Secretary Willis investigated this last year when we initially rolled the money into the investment pool from the fund, and the County did not know where the original money came from, looking as far back in their records as they could. If Fund is completely closed, it can never be reopened.*

- E. Unfinished Business:

Single Ambulance Provider RFP, Concerns For Ambulance Responses Update – *Chief Lange stated next Thursday should hopefully be the final meeting. All parties will be sitting at the same table, face to face, asking Joe Brusic to sign.*
- F. New Business:

Station 22 Quote – *Commissioner Helms and Chief Lange to look at Station 22 together to come up with a game plan. Commissioner Helms feels the quote is high for a leak in the ceiling, wants it fixed correctly, not temporarily. Quote does not include the \$1000 Chief Lange already paid for them to temporarily fix the leak. General contractor should have found and pointed out the*

issue from the start. Commissioner Boyle does not feel like we should use the same contractor that created the issue to begin with. It is agreed by all to obtain multiple bids.

**G. Chief's Report:**

Generator – Lieutenant Roberts and Chief Lange are working on the generator project and will be obtaining multiple bids for approval.

County ARPA Grant – All paperwork turned into the County for reimbursement for extrication equipment today. Hope to have on the County Commissioner's agenda next week for approval.

Annual Evaluations – Annual evaluations have been completed for the year.

Training Officer – Training Officer position has been offered to Jason Wood who accepted. He is currently from West Valley but also has been volunteering with Selah, very passionate about training and already assists WV with their training program. Start date to be March 1, 2024.

Year-End Report – Hoping to have out to everyone by next meeting.

FEMA AFG Grant – Grant opened last week, Chief Lange and Deputy Chief Willis have been working on it. Not a lot of high priority items that pertain to Selah's needs. In the current apparatus replacement plan, 2025 a duty vehicle is due and will repurpose the current duty vehicle to a brush truck. Asking for flatbed, duly kit, slip end tank pump unit, everything done to the prior truck to be done to the new truck, 2 years to complete the truck.

Truck 21 – Went to Florida to preview, all looked good, only minor scuffs/scratch. After the truck arrives locally, will be going to Cascade Fire first to have the diesel no-smoke system installed and steam port for the hydrant installed on the side. Going to have the black pinstripe on the back also put on the front of the cab to match between the red and white paint break.

Salary Comparison - City has been tasked with City-wide salary comparisons, last done 3 years ago. Chief Lange will be using the same comparable as prior. Report will be given to Commissioners as soon as done.

Slip End Tank Grant - Commissioner Boyle mentioned there is a slip end tank grant, will share the link.

**H. Commissioners' Report:**

Communications Committee Meeting – Meeting today, still have issue with repeater site on Cowiche Mountain, sub lease from Forbes Mercy which is expensive and problematic. Possible other options on Cowiche Mountain on private landowner property.

YCFC Meeting/Dinner on 2/15/24 – Commissioner Reed unable to attend. Chief Lange, Commissioner Helms and Commissioner Boyle will be attending. Commissioner Reed is up for re-election for Trustee position on the board, if someone else wants it, he is ok handing off, otherwise he will continue.

Communications Committee Administration – The Committee is in need of administration help with note taking, agreement organization, etc. Meeting is quarterly during the day, paid position. Commissioner Reed will get together with Secretary/Treasurer Ted Vander Houwen from Naches Heights and work up a job description to propose to Secretary Willis as well as other district secretaries in which this position will be offered. Secretary Willis said she would be interested and will wait for the proposal to come through.

Countywide Radio System Committee- Chief Lange and Chief Craig are on this committee and at the last meeting it was decided that a new tax will be going to the voters this winter for

*Emergency Communication Tax. There will be a sunset clause, not a permanent tax. Except for Yakima, county fire districts will not be part of phase 1. Selah District is in support of the effort. Side note – Chief Lange talked to Dale Panattoni who will be dropping off the additional \$15.00 cash owed to the department for the YCFC Selah hosted on 11/16/23.*

**I. Secretary's Report:**

*No new business.*

**J. Public Comment:**

*Chief Lange introduced Cliff Peterson who is currently Selah Council Position 4. Cliff has been appointed by Mayor as City Liaison to the fire district for the joint board.*

*Chief Lange said the city just signed the purchase on building for police department, where the current PD is. Cliff said purchase is in closing right now.*

**K. Adjournment: 19:06**

**Next Meeting: March 12, 2024, SFD Sta. 21, 6:30 PM**