

YCFD#2 Board of Commissioner Meeting Minutes, September 13, 2022

A. Call to Order: 18:28

B. Roll Call: Commissioner Helms, Commissioner Boyle, Commissioner Reed, Chief Lange, Secretary Shelly Bartlett, Secretary Christine Willis

C. Approval of Minutes: August 16, 2022, Meeting Minutes, Motion to approve by Commissioner Boyle, 2nd by Commissioner Helms, all approved.

D. General Business:

1. Financial Report:

a. Deposits:

a. Fund Balances:

(1) Expense Fund.....	\$ 248,622.58
(2) Fire Inv. Pool	\$ 1,628,150.00
(3) EMS Fund.....	\$ 10,103.19
(4) EMS Inv. Pool.....	\$ 13,530.00

b. Review of Expense Vouchers:

(1) Rex Reed.....	\$ 384.00
(2) Brad Helms.....	\$ 675.00
(3) Yakima Co Fire Commissioner Assn.....	\$ 100.00
(4) Christine Willis.....	\$ 487.00
(5) Dan Boyle.....	\$ 384.00
Total:	\$ 2,030.00

E. Unfinished Business:

Joint Agreement – Chief Lange stated the Joint Agreement has been agreed upon and signed, this can be removed from the agenda. Joint Board Meeting will be November 15 at 6:30 pm at Station 21.

Single Ambulance Provider RFP, Concerns For Ambulance Responses Update – No Update.

EMS Levy – Chief Lange stated there was a meeting last week. Signs have been posted. Received \$500.00 donation from East Valley Firefighter Association, still waiting on donation from Yakima.

Communication Committee Meeting – Commissioner Reed said no update, no significant change. General fund account pending, haven't been able to get ahold of Vanderhoven to see if all was deposited into account, meeting next month.

Generator Grant Update – Chief Lange stated he has been shopping around, engineering to be redone. Benefit to County Hazard Mitigation Plan the next time it is updated.

F. New Business:

Joint Board Meeting Topics (future planning) – *Purpose of the meeting is to discuss budget. For future planning, volunteers have been lacking, recruitment/retention has been important. Call volume is increasing. \$25,000.00 increase added in dispatch fees/400 calls at \$60.00 a call. To improve volunteerism and participation, training for officers, Chief Lange is starting a shadowing program with newer volunteers and opened borders to Yakima County. There will be minor changes to sleeper crew as to time frames and pay. All Chiefs from county are on board with the open borders. Currently taking applications for new volunteers, depending on their experience, they will be required to take either the full recruitment class or modified recruitment class offered by Selah to meet requirements for Selah Fire Department. Out of district volunteers will need to meet state minimum of call volume and drill attendance. Selah Fire Department would only have to pay \$30.00 for insurance disability for out of district volunteers; their home department would pay the rest. Shift stipends will need to increase \$10.00 per shift (plus \$30.00 annually), about \$26,000.00 a year increase if spot is filled every night of the year. There has been a lot of interest and Chief Lange feels this will improve experience and education for other departments that don't get a lot of experience currently. Some of our old volunteers to be returning that now live out of district. A few volunteers considering coming back now that vaccination has been lifted. Shift hours to be amended.*

G. Chief's Report:

Budget Increase – *Budget increase for sleeper shift, day shift and dispatch fees. 2023/24 budget city district percent changed by 1/10th of a percent.*

Station 22 – *Well results should be delivered next week.*

Capitol Improvement Plan – *City trying to have ADA compliant plan, must do some changes at Station 21, repaint lines out front to make ADA accessible parking wider, vertical grab bars in bathroom, lower sink in kitchen upstairs and patch asphalt from sinking over a few years. Ryan McNett will do the work on sink, added to Budget.*

Station 22 Generator Maintenance Agreement – *Maintenance agreement for the generator has been approved.*

Station 22 Property Mowing – *Property mowing is complete and have received the bill, Chief Lange to review.*

Grants – *Not much hope to receive ARPA Grant. Chief Lange voiced concern with Mayor and Commissioner McKinney. Safer Grant has not been awarded yet, AFG Grant we were not awarded, DOD Grant we were not awarded. Gary Sinise Foundation, Dickies Foundation, and Fire House Subs Grants are all pending.*

WA State Survey and Rating Bureau– *Should be receiving this soon.*

Property Around Station 22 –*Former volunteer, Nick Groth, has property around Station 22 and is losing some property due to new cherry facility. Groth asked if department would be willing to let him use some of Station 22 property to put livestock on. Irrigation company may be putting out more pipe next year so if the department has plans to put water on Station 22 property, might be time to start talking about it. Commissioner Helms would like to lease, Commissioner Reed agrees. Commissioner Reed stated that if water was ever available to Station 22, we should pursue. Research for any additional costs for water to be done, possible lease trade for water with Groth. Chief Lange will talk to Nick Groth to see if he will put up temporary fence so training can still be done.*

Station 21 Expansion – *Expansion in planning, changed cost to \$1 million, for discussion for the Joint Board. Will need a Day room, PPE Room, and bathrooms. Also need minimum of 4 more firefighters for possibly 2024 which would put department in red in 2029.*

H. Commissioners' Report:

Commissioner Boyle asked if Chief Lange had heard anything new from Michael Evans, nothing new.

Commissioner Reed unable to attend normal Commissioner meeting on October 11, 2022, agreed upon by all to move meeting to October 13, 2022.

I. Secretary's Report:

No new business

J. Public Comment:

No new business

K. Adjournment: 19:24

Next Meeting: October 13, 2022, SFD Sta. 21, 6:30 PM