

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

A. **Call to Order:** 18:30

B. **Roll Call:** Commissioner Helms, Commissioner Boyle, Commissioner Reed, Chief Lange, Lieutenant Willis, Secretary Shelly Bartlett, Secretary Christine Willis, Guest Roger Bell

C. **Approval of Minutes:** September 13, 2022, Meeting Minutes, Motion to approve by Commissioner Boyle, 2nd by Commissioner Reed, all approved.

D. **Budget Discussion:** Secretary Bartlett suggested taking 1%, Commissioner Helms agrees and stated he is already preparing budget numbers off 1% as well. Secretary Bartlett to meet with Secretary Willis to make sure all resolutions are in order, need to have in by November 30, 2022. Commissioner Helms to send out numbers for all to review. Joint Board meeting to be November 15th and need to have our numbers by then but will still have 2 weeks to adjust if needed.

E. **General Business:**

1. **Financial Report:**

a. **Deposits:**

a. **Fund Balances:**

(1) Expense Fund.....	\$ 278,151.54
(2) Fire Inv. Pool	\$ 1,628,150.00
(3) EMS Fund.....	\$ 13,963.58
(4) EMS Inv. Pool.....	\$ 13,530.00

b. **Review of Expense Vouchers:**

(1) Montoya Hinckley.....	\$ 32.00
Total:	\$ 32.00

F. **Unfinished Business:**

Single Ambulance Provider RFP, Concerns For Ambulance Responses Update – *No update and no deadline showing. Chief Lange stated ambulance response not much better but not worse either, attention level has increased.*

EMS Levy – *Chief Lange stated the push is going well. EMS commercial is running, getting boosters for social media on Facebook and other social media platforms.*

Communication Committee Meeting – *Commissioner Reed stated that there is progress behind the scenes. Working with Department of Commerce to get Capitol \$100,000 from 2022 Budget. DNR has gotten back to committee with drafts. Chief Lange stated YakCorp has impact on Selah Fire communications and that the County Commissioners voted to move to Phase 2. Received map of coverage, pending final system decision.*

Generator Grant Update – *Chief Lange stated there has been movement on it, runs out March 2023 but Tony trying to extend again. Money already spent for electrical, and hours worked on it can go to match. Concrete pad will still need to be poured. Generators are 60 months out, but Selah is number one on their list, so still might get prior to this. Removing from the agenda for now per Commissioner Helms until new pertinent updates.*

G. New Business:

Response Boundary –*Chief Lange asked Commissioners for boundary for Selah Fire response in Canyon and I-82, no responses from Kittitas County, no joint assistance anymore. Selah District goes to the County line in Canyon and on the freeway to 17 ½, turnaround at the top. Chief Sinclair will not return any of Chief Lange’s calls/messages. All Commissioners in agreeance to have Commissioner Reed call Chief Sinclair to suggest a sit-down face to face with Chief Lange, Commissioner Reed, Chief Sinclair and at least one of Kittitas County Fire Commissioners for possible new agreement to be followed up in writing. Chief Lange found an old agreement that he will send to Commissioner Reed.*

Staffing/Budget – *Chief Lange discussed 5 different proposed District Budgets for the department with the Commissioners. Department is beyond the point of needing 24/7 staffing, proposed hiring 4 new firefighters which would be ideal. Volunteer response is next to nothing, no one signing up for weekends and Duty Officers are running calls by themselves. Just opened the borders for volunteer, hoping that helps. 34 applicants, only 3 qualified to respond now. Already spoke with Mayor and City Administrator, Mayor is in support for new hires. No plans on changing response model, might move borders for each station, programs will remain in place. Commissioner Boyle stated still need to prepare to show what needs to be done to facility with additional people. Chief Lange said if we end up with 24/7, no longer need expansion, instead put in a wall and make a dirty room. Commissioners Helms, Boyle and Reed all agree to the hiring of 4 new firefighters, Commissioner Helms stated we still need to keep cultivating the volunteers and Chief Lange to supply the Commissioners with the department’s exact needs. Lieutenant Willis said that if we keep training volunteers, then we have a good pool to pull from for additional full time.*

H. Chief’s Report:

Call Volume – *Call volume projected to be 2085 by the end of year. 23% are back-to-back.*

Station 22 Well – *Well results are back, and water is good to drink.*

Station 22 Property Update - *Nate with Selah Moxee Irrigation District will do the irrigation on their side at no charge, it will cost us to get it to our property and put in weir box. Possible location on the SW portion of property but there might be an easement. Commissioner Boyle thinks it’s worth pursuing as we already pay for it. Commissioner Helms said if we can do it for \$4,000-\$5,000, Commissioners Boyle and Reed agree. Chief Lange to call Scout Lake.*

Grants – *No updates except Safer Grant only awarded to one station, with ARPA Grant there was enough feedback that County Commissioners hired a company for \$32,000 to make sure all have met criteria. With the Dickies Grant department made it to the 2nd round.*

WA State Survey and Rating Bureau– *In City we went from a 5 to a 4, did good on survey and ratings, need additional manpower to keep rating. Chief Lange to talk to local warehouses about how much it will save them and approach them for possible help with tools for the truck.*

Station 24 and 26 – *Requests for mini splits heat systems. Firefighter Roberts to investigate costs for proposal to Commissioners.*

Equipment Purchase for Volunteers – *Volunteers have asked for Velcro, name tags and years of service pins for dress shirts. Chief Lange to investigate possible additional items to go with the proposed.*

I. Commissioners' Report:

No new business.

J. Secretary's Report:

No new business

K. Public Comment:

No new business

L. Adjournment: 19:49

Next Meeting: November 8, 2022, SFD Sta. 21, 6:30 PM