



Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

December 27, 2021

Chairman Steve Fox called the meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom video conferencing. Commissioner Copple and Commissioner Geiger were present. Chief Halverson, Assistant Fire Chief Johnson, Deputy Chief Fulcher and District Secretary, Cathy Barth, were present. Members of the public were in attendance.

Welcome to Assistant Chief Johnson – Commissioner Fox introduced Assistant Chief Johnson to those in attendance and welcomed him to District 5.

Additions to Agenda – Assistant Chief Johnson promotion to Chief was added to New Business by Chief Halverson.

Public Comments – Ms. Chase welcomed Seth Johnson and extended her thanks to Chief Halverson for all he has done for the Fire District.

Firefighter Jason Gwilt, on behalf of the Local, congratulated and welcomed Seth Johnson onboard. He also relayed the Local's appreciation to Chief Halverson for the good job he did for staff and the District. He wished him good luck in retirement.

Consent Items – None

Chief's Report – Chief Halverson reported that over the 550 meetings he has attended, it been an interesting ride. He said that he would like to put the experience into writing for historical purposes. He expressed his thanks to Chief Johnson, adding that hiring him took a burden off his shoulders. He feels the District will move forward in a positive way. Commissioner Fox said thank you to Chief Halverson for the phenomenal job and fine leadership. The District owes you a lot.

Secretary's Report – District Secretary Cathy Barth thanked Chief Halverson for his leadership and direction over the past 23 years. She expressed how honored she was to be able to work with him.

Old Business –

Painting update – Commissioner Fox provided an update regarding the proposed painting, his discussion with Debbie Copple, Sultan Arts Council Director, the suggested fundraising by the Fire District and the distribution of funds to the Artist by the Arts Council.

Open Issues/Actions - Commissioner Fox asked that "Exploring Medic Options" be moved to completed.

New Business –

Resolution 2021-04 amendment to Resolution 2020-1 - A motion to approve [Resolution 2021-04](#) amendment to Resolution 2020-01 was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, and passed unanimously.

Budget 2021 View 2 - A motion to approve Budget 2021 View 2 for \$2,948,089.27, was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, and passed unanimously.

Oath of Office – Deborah Chase – Commissioner Fox introduced Deborah Chase as the incoming position two Commissioner. Commissioner Fox performed the Oath of Office with Deborah Chase.



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Assistant Chief Promotion -

A motion was made to promote Assistant Chief Johnson to Chief as of January 1, 2022 by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Comments –

Commissioner Fox stated that it was a great year. We are now in the new station. Chief Halverson has brought us from volunteer Fire District to this new station with a fine staff. He has done a fantastic job over the past 20 some years. He has provided great leadership for the District and been an asset to the City. He stated that he enjoyed Chief Halverson's company and friendship. He commented that he admired the Chief's willingness to take corrective actions either to or from him. He added that he has been a great mentor. He has done a great job for the citizens of Snohomish County.

Commissioner Fox went on to add that he has enjoyed working with Commissioner Cople. Commissioner Cople was the driver of Cushman model, and he was instrumental in getting the model in use at the Fire District. He extended his thanks to Commissioner Cople for his fine work for the District. We will miss you.

Commissioner Cople stated that he enjoyed, for the most part, being a Fire Commissioner. It has been good to give back to the Community. There will be many challenges ahead and it will not always be easy. It is a difficult process and requires a lot of thoughtful people that can think in other ways. He wished everyone the best.

Commissioner Geiger extended his congratulations to Chief Halverson on his retirement. He added that Chief Halverson has done a lot for the Fire District, the jurisdiction and state. He thanked him for his dedication. He extended his congratulations to Chief Johnson and stated that he looks forward to working with him.

Commissioner Geiger thanked Commissioner Cople for his service and stated that he was looking forward to working with Deborah Chase and extended his congratulations to her.

Adjourn - Being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Cople, and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Cathy Barth
District Secretary