

YCFD#2 Board of Commissioner Meeting Minutes, May 9, 2023

A. Call to Order: 18:33

B. Roll Call: Commissioner Brad Helms, Commissioner Dan Boyle, Commissioner Rex Reed, Chief Jim Lange, Secretary Christine Willis

C. Approval of Minutes: April 11, 2023, Meeting Minutes; Motion to approve by Commissioner Helms, 2nd by Commissioner Reed, all in favor, approved.

D. General Business:

1. Financial Report:

a. Deposits:

b. Fund Balances:

(1) Expense Fund.....	\$ 944,707.60
(2) Fire Inv. Pool	\$ 1,848,150.00
(3) EMS Fund.....	\$ 118,017.92
(4) EMS Inv. Pool.....	\$ 33,530.00

c. Review of Expense Vouchers:

(1) City of Selah (Fund 6020210).....	\$ 461,946.00
(2) City of Selah (Fund 6020240).....	\$ 76,053.00
Total Expense	\$ 537,999.00

E. Financial Discussion:

Commissioner Helms proposed moving \$100,000.00 from Fire Expense Fund to the Fire Investment Pool and \$10,000.00 from EMS Fund to the EMS Investment Pool. Commissioner Reed, Commissioner Boyle and Secretary Willis approve. Secretary Willis spoke to Stephanie, account manager at courthouse, she went back to 2010 which was the end of their records and was unable to find where the \$1,328.27 in the Expense Fund came from. Commissioner Helms suggested moving it into the Fire Investment Pool. Secretary Willis will prepare the documentation needed for the county to invest all Funds agreed upon.

F. Unfinished Business:

Single Ambulance Provider RFP, Concerns For Ambulance Responses Update – Chief Lange stated next Tuesday, May 16 at 10:00 AM, there will be a Board of County Commissioners' meeting in the basement of the courthouse, ALS to file its grievance, updates to come.

Staffing –Job offer letters have gone out to the top 4 firefighter candidates. Still have physicals, evaluations, and background checks to be done. July 1st will be the official hire date.

G. New Business:

Reserve Account – Discussed above, no other new business.

H. Chief's Report:

Teamsters Union - *Negotiations starting with Teamsters Union for Selah Police Department. Chief Lange has argued against due to past decisions; all non-represented employees have been given what represented employees are given. Teamsters are asking for a 3-year contract of 10%, 8%, 8% which would be a big hit to the budget. Chief Lange is wanting to bow out since salary was already revamped and budgeted out for the Fire Department. Commissioner Reed suggested Chief Lange listen to the changes being suggested, but not commit to anything, instead bring the information back to the Commissioners with recommendations.*

EMS Levy Renewal - *Firefighter Tony Miller let Chief Lange know that after calculations, with the EMS Levy renewal, we will be up \$150,000 total in EMS funding next year.*

DCR Update – *Chief Lange attended a meeting today, sub-committee put together of police and fire to spend County Commissioners' mental health tax money. Proposing 9 mental health care professionals to get the community the help that is needed and to lessen the call volume on the police department and fire department. Funded by TrueBlood Fund with the State. County commissioners agree to either fully fund if the TrueBlood Fund cuts funding or fill in the gap. Commissioner Boyle asked how long funding is proposed for, Chief Lange stated no end date of funding given at this time.*

Rental House/Ambulance– *Paperwork has been turned in for Type 1 review, pending.*

Grants – *No Grant updates.*

County ARPA – *Chief Lange was supposed to have an agreement by end of April, but still has not received.*

Station 26 irrigation – *Spoke to Rod at Scout Lake about the irrigation, had never received a call back and now the water is running in the ditch, putting it off for another year.*

Station 26 Fencing – *Chief Lange looked at all documents found for Station 26, also walked the property line and was unable to find any pins. Agreed by all Commissioners to have it surveyed to verify lines prior to putting up a fence. Commissioner Helms suggested using Gray Surveying.*

Inspections Fee Schedule – *No update at this time.*

Appliance Replacement – *Budgeted in capital this year to replace carpet, cost has come in lower than quotes from last year, using the savings from the lower quote to replace the stove that went out upstairs and with shift, a new refrigerator is needed as well.*

Yakima County Fire Commissioner Meeting – *To be held in East Valley on Thursday, May 18th at fire station 40, need to RSVP by May 15th. Social starts at 18:00, meeting at 18:30.*

Commissioners' Report:

No new business.

Secretary's Report:

The Census Bureau called and spoke to Firefighter Cline who directed to Secretary Willis. A link was emailed directly to the secretary email; she will be filling out. Chief Lange asked if Secretary Willis received the survey from WA State Fire Commissioner Association on payroll and benefits, will be forwarded to Secretary Willis to also fill out.

I. Public Comment:

No new business.

J. Adjournment: 19:05

Next Meeting: June 13, 2023, SFD Sta. 21, 6:30 PM