

**YAKIMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 4
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 26, 2007**

Commission Vice-Chair Les Riel called the meeting to order at 1900 hours at East Valley Station 40. Those also present were Commissioner Dan McNulty, Chief Warren Gay, Citizens of the District, East Valley Fire Personnel, and District Secretary Tina Liniger. Commissioner Scott Kokenge was excused from attending as he had a prior commitment.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The Agenda was approved as presented.

OPEN PUBLIC INPUT: Kathy McNulty invited the Commissioners and Fire Chief to the Terrace Heights Improvement Association annual meeting which will be held Thursday, March 15th at 7:00 pm at the Terrace Heights Civic Center.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Commissioner McNulty corrected the spelling of Mr. Silligman's name and address. **Commissioner McNulty made a Motion to approve the Minutes of February 12, 2007 as corrected. Commissioner Riel seconded. The Motion carried.**

VOUCHER APPROVAL: The Board approved the following vouchers for payment. **Commissioner McNulty made a Motion to approve the vouchers as submitted. Commissioner Riel seconded. The Motion carried.**

Vouchers 1843 – 1861 \$84,772.40

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Tina reported the following cash and investment balances.

2006 Ending Cash & Investments:

602041	Fire Expense	\$995,639.12
602042	Reserve Fund	\$557,597.44
602044	EMS Fund	\$350,797.28
602046	Capital Projects	\$146,994.31

January 2007 Ending Cash & Investments:

602041	Fire Expense	\$662,757.68
602042	Reserve Fund	\$684,981.02
602044	EMS Fund	\$295,044.66
602046	Capital Projects	\$272,622.68

Commissioner Riel suggested transferring the remaining money in Capital Projects and Apparatus Replacement accounts in the Fire Expense Fund to the Capital Projects and Reserve Funds.

CORRESPONDENCE: Vice-Chairman Riel announced that the Board has received a letter from the District's Attorney Brian Snure requesting a Special Meeting for Monday, March 5th at 7:00 pm to discuss complaint filed by Richard Bartheld against Chief Gay. The Board will address the complaint either with an investigation conducted by a Board designee or possibly having Linda Montgomery conduct a short investigation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Land Project Update. BC Riel provided the Board with a draft timeline and engineer’s estimate for grading and utilizing the west 3 acres at station 40. Commissioner Riel suggested that the Chief research alternatives i.e. selling topsoil before the project before it goes out for bid.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Renew Conference of Government DUI Cost Recovery Contract. Chief Gay informed the Board that he had met with the Executive Board of COG in January. This meeting was to discuss alternative recovery efforts because the current fee of 15 percent does not cover COG’s expenses. The current contract would have a 50/50 split on all expenses collected from the DUI offender or through the court system. This item will be tabled until the next regular meeting.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT: Commissioner McNulty stated that Chief Gay, BC Riel and himself went and toured the Hanford Facility. Commissioner McNulty stated that Hanford Fire has excellent, top-of-the-line equipment that they are eager to use. He also stated that they asked about the HAZ-MAT lab and discovered that Hanford is currently working with DOE so if there is an incident, a phone call to DOE would get needed personnel and equipment. Commissioner Riel stated that he spoke with Chief Vogal of District 5 at the last EMS OP’s meeting and Chief Vogal stated that he had not been approached as of yet to discuss mutual aid with Hanford. Chief Gay stated that they were approached at a Chief’s meeting and the majority of Chief’s at that meeting hand voted not to follow up on it.

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORTS: (Attached to Minutes) Commissioner Riel stated that Steve Leitch’s funeral was well done, excellent job by Mike Riel who was at the helm of setting up arrangements. Chief Gay stated that he would like to publicly thank West Valley Fire who sent an engine and command officer to standby at Station 40, Selah Fire who sent an engine and command officer to standby at Station 42 and District 5 who sent a five man crew to standby at Station 41. **Commissioner McNulty made a Motion to accept the department activity reports as submitted. Commissioner Riel seconded. The Motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1918 hours.

Commissioner

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ATTEST:

District Secretary