

NEWMAN LAKE FIRE & RESCUE
Spokane County Fire District No. 13
Minutes for June 8, 2023
SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Spokane County Fire Protection District No. 13 met on June 8, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. at Station No. 1, 9324 N Starr Rd., Newman Lake, Washington.

ROLL CALL

Board: Chair Ben Kaiser, Commissioner Eileen Weyrauch, and Commissioner Teresa Phelps
Others Present: Retiring Chief Stan Cooke, New Chief Daron Bement, Captain Josh Ambach, Captain Jake Ambach, Lieutenant Jay Indelicato, Carleen VanDerostyne, Mike Jennings, Danny Christmann, James Adams, Robin Harbin, Ashley Bement, Toni Halloran, and reporter Nina Culver.

DARON BEMENT OATH OF OFFICE:

District Secretary, Robin Harbin, administered the Oath of Office to Daron Bement, as Fire Chief for Spokane County Fire District 13, Newman Lake Fire and Rescue. Chief Bement began his position as District 13 Chief on Monday, June 5, 2023. Chief Bement's wife, Ashley, presented and pinned on Daron's Fire Chief badge.

Retiring Chief, Stan Cooke, was recognized for his great accomplishments and positive groundwork established over the past three years he served as Fire Chief. In appreciation, a wall hanging made by local metal worker, Nick Paragon, was presented to parting Chief Cooke by the staff and volunteers.

STAN COOKE AGREEMENT THROUGH DECEMBER 2023:

Stan Cooke has agreed to continue on as Senior Advisor for the Department through December 2023. He will do this under a professional services contract, rather than as an employee, to avoid costing the District benefits expenses. A Senior Advisor contract draft was presented to the Board. Stan will review the contract with Attorney Brian Snure as well as Enduris for contract wording and any necessary indemnification clauses.

UPDATED SALARY SCHEDULE:

The Salary Scheduled was updated to reflect Chief Bement's agreement to start at \$100,000 per year rather than \$110,000. Robin Harbin's hourly wage was also increased by \$2.00 per hour, according to her contract, for obtaining her EMT certification. Commissioner Weyrauch motioned to approve the updated Salary Schedule; Commissioner Phelps seconded; Chair Kaiser called for the vote, which passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2023-6 A RESOLUTION TO MAKE A ONE-TIME CHANGE TO THE REGULAR MEETING TIME OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS:

To ensure adequate commissioner attendance at the June 15, 2023 regular meeting, Resolution 2023-6 proposes a one-time change to the regular meeting time from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Commissioner Phelps motioned to approve Resolution 2023-6; Commissioner Weyrauch seconded; Chair Kaiser called for the vote, which passed unanimously.

OPEN HOUSE JUNE 10, 2023:

- Time, Report Time, Placement – Captain Josh Ambach requested that commissioners, staff, and participating volunteers report to the training room at 8:00 a.m. June 10th to go over assignments prior to the start of Open House, scheduled from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The auto extrication demonstration will take place at 11:00 a.m. with Lieutenant Jay Indelicato as announcer.
- Participation – Eight vendors are scheduled to participate in the Open House, including DNR, United We Rescue, the Newman Lake Flood Control Zone District (NLFCZD), and Spokane Emergency Management as well as others.

LEVY LID LIFT:

- Information and Data – Historical levy rate data, local fire district levy and rate comparisons, and district operating expenses vs. fire levy revenue was presented
- Posters and Brochures – Data will be presented in posters and brochures at the Open House.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.



Ben Kaiser, Chairperson



Robin Harke
District Secretary

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