

NEWMAN LAKE FIRE & RESCUE  
Spokane County Fire District No. 13  
Minutes for July 11, 2023  
TOWN HALL MEETING  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MEETING

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Spokane County Fire Protection District No. 13 met on July 11, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at Station No. 1, 9324 N Starr Rd., Newman Lake, Washington.

**ROLL CALL**

Board: Chairperson Ben Kaiser and Commissioner Eileen Weyrauch participated remotely via GoToMeeting.

Others Present: Chief Daron Bement, Senior Advisor Stan Cooke, Admin Assistant Robin Harbin, and two community members.

**TOWN HALL MEETING OPENING & INTRODUCTIONS:**

Chief Bement introduced all in attendance as well as the topic of discussion and order of agenda.

**LEVY LID LIFT INFORMATIVE PRESENTATION:**

Chief Bement presented and explained budget and budget projection information as well as how it pertains to the need for a Levy Lid Lift. (See attached Power Point presentation slides.)

**QUESTIONS & ANSWERS:**

Questions were invited from the community members. Information and clarification was provided by Chief Bement, Stan Cooke, and Robin Harbin. Discussion included clearing up misconceptions regarding increases in property values. The assumptions are that if property values increase by 40%, there is an equal 40% increase in taxes going to the fire department. However, the fire levy is not calculated based on changes in property values. Due to the 1% lid imposed by state law, the fire department can only ask for a 1% increase in the amount received from one year to the next. If voters approve a Levy Lid Lift August 1st, the maximum yearly fire levy increase can never be more than 6% and can never exceed the statutory limit of \$1.50 per \$1000 of assessed value.

**ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

  
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Ben Kaiser, Chairperson

7/20/23  
Date

  
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Robin Harbin, District Secretary

7-20-2023  
Date