

NEWMAN LAKE FIRE & RESCUE
Spokane County Fire District No. 13
Minutes for March 16, 2022
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Spokane County Fire Protection District No. 13 met on March 16, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. at Station No. 1, 9324 N Starr Rd., Newman Lake, Washington.

ROLL CALL

Board: Chair Teresa Phelps and Commissioner Eileen Weyrauch, Commissioner Ben Kaiser participated remotely via GoToMeeting

Others Present: Captain Jake Ambach, Secretary Robin Harbin, and Faye LeGrand

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda consisted of the meeting minutes for February 16, 2022 and March 4, 2022; Financial Reports; and Approval of Warrants #10873 - #10917 in the amount of \$35,058.33, Payroll Taxes in the amount of \$5,666.44, and DRS Pension in the amount of \$1,390.26. Commissioner Weyrauch moved to accept the consent agenda; Commissioner Kaiser seconded; Chair Phelps called for the vote, which passed unanimously.

AUXILIARY REPORT

Faye LeGrand reported an Auxiliary fund balance of \$2,617.00. They received two \$100 donations this past month. The focus of the last meeting was the annual hot dog sale in July. Bob McCauley offered his resources as a chef to obtain quality hot dogs. The next Auxiliary meeting will continue with planning for the annual hot dog and t-shirt sale. Chief Stan Cooke presented information at the last Auxiliary meeting regarding Open House and the Levy Lid Lift.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Levy Lid Lift:

- **Auxiliary Feedback/Participation** - The Fire Auxiliary is going to pay for "Vote Yes" posters and place them in the community. The Auxiliary members all commented on the fact that many people, including themselves, don't understand how the fire department works. This reinforces what we know of the need for community education.
- **Resolution/Ballot Planning** – For and Against committees must be appointed with a maximum of three members each. Committee members are responsible for writing and submitting a statement "For" or "Against" directly to Spokane County Elections. Robin has conferred with Mike McLaughlin at the Elections Department as well as Lena Mack in District 4 regarding the Resolution. She is drafting a Resolution according to the November 2021 revised standards and will submit it to Attorney Brian Snure for review. The Resolution, Cover Sheet, Explanatory Statement, and For and Against Committee Appointment must be submitted to the County by May 13, 2022 to have the Levy Lid Lift on the ballot for the Primary Election August 2, 2022.

Open House: Preparations are going well for the April 23rd Open House with a focus on tours of the new construction projects and informing the community about our department. Robin has obtained quotes for printing posters. The most reasonable was from Minute Man Press. Food and beverages will not be served by the fire department. However, a coffee truck may come in to serve coffee and snacks. Faye will ask the

Auxiliary if they would be willing to pay the coffee truck vendor. Traditionally, the Newman Lake Annual Clean-up Committee has provided hot dogs for their members. Since the department Open House is coordinating with the Annual Clean-up, Robin will notify the Newman Lake Clean-up Committee to not serve the hot dogs to their members at the station during Open House as the hot dogs may not be served to the public.

NEW BUSINESS

Smoke Alarm Program/Fire Extinguisher Program: The Red Cross will donate smoke detectors; department personnel will schedule a time to deliver and/or install them. We will utilize this opportunity to answer questions about the department. We will have a spot in the Annex for the public to drop off their extinguishers; General Fire will come out to test and recharge them if they are approved for continued use. Commissioner Weyrauch suggested an idea employed by other fire departments who pack a "Care Container" with smoke alarms, informational handouts and other items which may be helpful to leave with community members when responding on calls.

Call for Community Volunteers: We are making a concerted effort to recruit more volunteers with social media and signs. We have two possible recruits – one who lives in Honeymoon Bay who will be interviewing next week and one who will be observing a few training nights before interviewing. We have recently added Mike Jennings and Makayla Shay.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commissioner Weyrauch suggested the installation of a Life Jacket Board at the Newman Lake Public Boat Launch similar to the "Loan a Life Jacket Program" run by Spokane Valley Fire Department. The Auxiliary may be interested in purchasing the loaner life jackets. Commissioner Kaiser suggested approaching local Boy Scouts about building and installing the Life Jacket Board.

Robin reported that we were unable to contact the Auxiliary to provide rehab for the firefighters at our recent Hangar Fire. Eileen explained that the Auxiliary used to provide rehab but were requested to stop after the department started carrying supplies on trucks. Captain Jake Ambach said we used to carry rehab supplies on the old Rescue which has been surplused so it would be helpful to restart an Auxiliary phone tree to supply rehab on fires. Faye will approach the Auxiliary about providing rehab for firefighters.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:44 p.m.



Teresa Phelps, Chairperson

4-20-22
Date



District Secretary, Robin Harbin

4-20-2022
Date