



Orting Valley Fire & Rescue

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Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting
August 10, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.
Minutes

Call in number 253-215-8782
Meeting ID 847 1052 6057
Pin 4040

Call to Order

Commissioner O’Harra Buttz called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner O’Harra Buttz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Commission Chair Margaret O’Harra Buttz
Commission Vice Chair Tom Marino
Commissioner Arlene Dannat
Commissioner Kevin Gorder
Commissioner Jason Bellerive (absent)
Fire Chief Zane Gibson
District Secretary Kim Kemp

Commissioner Marino moved to excuse Commissioner Bellerive’s absence. Commissioner Dannat seconded. Motion carried.

Agenda Approval of August 10, 2021

Commissioner O’Harra moved to approve the Agenda as amended; Tabling number 6 under New Business. Commissioner Marino seconded. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes approval of July 13, 2021 Regular Meeting
2. Expense reference numbers 765-809, totaling \$251,347.74
3. Letter to Pierce County to transfer \$277,775.55 for payroll, deferred compensation and retirement directly to our account at KeyBank

Commissioner Marino moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Gorder seconded. Motion carried.

Citizen Considerations and Requests

None

Presentations

AP Triton presented an overview of their services for a Long Range Master Plan for the Fire District.

Chief's Report

- Chief Gibson gave a recap of the recent brush/wildland fires in and around our District. Additionally, OVFR will be staffing extra personnel Thursday-Saturday due to the extreme temperatures and low humidity.
- Chief Gibson gave a recap of the damage and repairs needed for the brush truck. He also stated that he had updated the apparatus plan in lieu of replacing the brush truck in 2026. More to follow.
- Chief Gibson gave a recap of his meeting with PC Fire Marshall and the City of Orting. Looking toward an ILA for services which will benefit both the City of Orting and OVFR.
- Chief Gibson gave an update on COVID-19 and the mandates implemented by the Governor's Office which take effect October 18, 2021.

Old Business

None

New Business

1. Resolution 2021-005 Authorization to cancel warrant 1596802
Commissioner Marino moved to approve Resolution 2021-005. Commissioner Dannat seconded. Motion carried.
2. Scope of services from Architects Rasmussen Triebelhorn for Station 43
Commissioner Marino moved to approve the scope of services and proceed with going to bid. Commissioner Dannat seconded. Motion carried.
3. 3rd temporary paramedic
Commissioner O'Harra Buttz moved to approve the hiring of a 3rd temporary paramedic. Commissioner Marino seconded. Motion carried.
4. FBC/Budget committee
Chief Gibson requested an additional commissioner to be on the FBC/Budget committee with Commissioner Bellerive. Commissioner O'Harra Buttz volunteered. Dates to meet will be messaged to the both of them. A study session with all commissioners will also be set up for September.
5. Additional ballistic vests
Commissioner Dannat moved to approve the purchase of 3 additional ballistic vests. Commissioner Marino seconded. Motion carried.
6. Personal services agreement for administration of the FBC through Neil Blindheim
Tabled.

Board Reports

1. Pierce County Fire Commissioners
 - a. Commissioner Dannat gave a recap of the picnic.
 - b. The next meeting is August 26, 2021 via Zoom

Regular Session paused at 7:40p.m.

Executive Session

RCW 42.30.140(4)(a) Collective bargaining sessions with employee organizations, including contract negotiations, grievance meetings and discussions relating to the interpretation or application of a labor agreement; or (b) that portion of a meeting during which the governing body is planning or adopting the strategy or position to be taken by the governing body during the course of any collective bargaining, professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings, or reviewing the proposals made in the negotiations or proceedings while in progress.”

Executive Session began at 7:40p.m. to last for 5 minutes until 7:45p.m with possible decision.

Regular Session resumed at 7:46p.m.

Commissioner Marino moved to approve basic life insurance through WCIF for all eligible employees so that eligible employees have the option to purchase an LTC plan if they choose. Commissioners Gorder and Dannat seconded. Motion carried.

Regular Session paused at 7:48p.m.

RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. However, subject to RCW 42.30.140(4), discussions by a governing body of salaries, wages, and other conditions of employment to be generally applied within the agency shall occur in a meeting open to the public, and when a governing body elects to take final action hiring, setting the salary of an individual employee or class of employees, or discharging or disciplining an employee, that action shall be taken in a meeting open to the public;

Executive Session began at 7:48p.m. to last for 10 minutes until 7:58p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 7:58p.m.

Commissioner General Business/Discussion

- Commissioner O’Harra Buttz reported that the Touch a Truck event was very successful and well participated by the community. Looking to make the event an annual occurrence.
- Commissioner Dannat stated that she was disappointed that OVFR was late to the National Night Out event in Rivers Edge.
- Commissioner O’Harra Buttz will not be at the September 14, 2021 Commissioner Meeting.

Adjournment

Commissioner Marino moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner O’Harra seconded. The meeting ended at 8:01p.m.


Commission Chair Margaret O’Harra Buttz


Commissioner Ariene Dannat

Commissioner Jason Bellerive

Commission Vice-Chair Tom Marino


Commissioner Kevin Gorder


District Secretary Kimberly Kemp