



Orting Valley Fire & Rescue

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Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting February 28, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. **Minutes**

Call to Order

Commission Chair Bellerive called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Commission Chair Bellerive led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

**Commission Chair Jason Bellerive
Commission Vice Chair Joe Palombi
Commissioner Arlene Dannat
Commissioner Kevin Gorder
Commissioner Margaret O'Harra Buttz
Fire Chief Zane Gibson
Admin Assistant Taylor Thornhill
Admin Manager & District Secretary Kim Kemp**

Agenda Approval

Approval of February 28, 2023 Agenda

**Commissioner O'Harra Buttz moved to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Dannat seconded.
Motion carried.**

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes approval of February 14, 2023 Regular Meeting
2. Expense reference numbers 232-260, totaling \$126,590.12

Commissioner Dannat moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Gorder seconded. Motion carried.

Citizen Considerations and Requests

None

Presentations

DS Kemp presented final revenues and expenses of the 2022 Budget.

Chief's Report

- Chief Gibson gave an overview of the FBC appeals requested and received; and subsequent approvals and actions taken.
- Chief Gibson stated that he had good conversations and handed out copies of Resolution 2023-002 Urging Immediate Accident Mitigation on SR162 at the Fire Chief's legislative day in Olympia on February 17th. More to follow.
- Chief Gibson stated that the Wildfire Ready Neighbors program was getting traction and that grant monies were being implemented for our citizens.

Chief's Report cont'd

- Chief Gibson is on the Executive planning committee for Mt. Rainier. He has attended a number of meetings and will continue to give updates.
- OVFR has announced the process for Volunteer testing for Firefighter. A potential list may be brought to a future meeting to be certified.
- Chief Gibson and Board Chair Bellerive reported on their meeting with Chief Morrow and Board Chair Holm with CPFRR. Both Morrow and Holm will be at the March 14, 2023 Commissioner's Meeting to give a presentation and answer questions regarding cooperative efforts.

Old Business

None

New Business

1. Resolution 2023-004 Budget 2022 Amendment

Commissioner O'Harra Buttz moved to approve Resolution 2023-004. Commissioner Gorder seconded. Motion carried.

Board Reports

1. Pierce County Fire Commissioners

- a. The next meeting is March 25, 2023.

Regular Session paused at 7:14p.m.

Executive Session

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 7:14p.m. to last for 5 minutes until 7:19p.m. with possible decision.

Regular Session resumed at 7:20p.m. with no decision.

Commissioner General Business/Discussion

- Discussion of a "Commissioner's Award" for employees for a job well done/above and beyond. Criteria and terms to be brought to a future meeting.

Adjournment

Commissioner Dannat moved to adjourn. Commissioner O'Harra Buttz seconded. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 7:26p.m.



Commission Chair Jason Bellerive



Commissioner Arlene Dannat



Commissioner Margaret O'Harra Buttz

Commission Vice-Chair Joe Palombi



Commissioner Kevin Gorder



Admin Manager & District Secretary Kim Kemp