



# Orting Valley Fire & Rescue

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Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting  
January 11, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

## Minutes

Call in number 253-215-8782

Meeting ID 865 1734 2717

Pin 4040

### Call to Order

**Commissioner O’Harra Buttz called the meeting to order at 6:33p.m.**

### Pledge of Allegiance

**Waived.**

### Roll Call

Commission Chair Margaret O’Harra Buttz

Commission Vice Chair Kevin Gorder

Commissioner Arlene Dannat

Commissioner Jason Bellerive

Commissioner Joe Palombi

Fire Chief Zane Gibson

District Secretary Kim Kemp

### Agenda Approval of January 11, 2022 Agenda

**Commissioner Dannat moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Commissioner Gorder seconded. Motion carried.**

### Consent Agenda

1. Minutes approval of December 14, 2021 Regular Meeting and January 4, 2022 Special Meeting
2. Expense reference numbers 45-67, totaling \$69,845.80
3. Letter to Pierce County to transfer \$312,756.76 for payroll, deferred compensation and retirement directly to our account at KeyBank

**Commissioner Bellerive moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioners Gorder and Palombi seconded. Motion carried.**

### Citizen Considerations and Requests

**None**

### Presentations

**None**

## Chief's Report

- OVFR is conducting weekly meetings to evaluate COVID-19, and determine best practices to continue to keep staff healthy and able to respond to our community. Our new hires are currently utilizing on-line classrooms for their EMT training and may be tested daily upon returning to in person learning at CPFR.
- Chief Gibson gave an update about the master plan and has seen the preliminary first document. More to follow upon completion of documents.
- Chief Gibson spoke about the recent flooding events which have been relatively insignificant in the big picture, but there has been more standing water in town locally.
- The FBC notification letters have gone out in the mail. Staff has handled inquires as they have come in. Most citizens needed clarification, only a few appeals have been requested thus far.
- Chief Gibson will be having shoulder surgery in the next few months, will be out of the office on a limited basis.
- OVFR was awarded a grant from the Pierce Conservation District for the Patterson Road Fire Risk Reduction project in the amount of \$5,000.

## Old Business

None

## New Business

1. Election of Board Chair and Vice Chair

**Commissioner O'Harra Buttz nominated Commissioner Bellerive as Board Chair. Commissioner Palombi seconded. Motion carried.**

**Commissioner Dannat nominated Commissioner Gorder as Board Vice Chair. Commissioner O'Harra seconded. Motion carried.**

2. Oath of Office, Commissioner Bellerive

**Commissioner Bellerive took his Oath of Office as Board of Fire Commissioner, Position 2. It will be signed and notarized at a later date in person.**

3. Resolution 2022-001 Authorization to Increase EMS Transport Fees

**Commissioner Bellerive moved to approve Resolution 2022-001. Commissioner Dannat seconded. Motion carried.**

4. SOG 1006 Benefit Charge Review, waive 2<sup>nd</sup> read

**Commissioner O'Harra Buttz moved to waive the 2<sup>nd</sup> read of SOG 1006 Benefit Review Charge. Commissioner Gorder seconded. Motion carried.**

5. SOG 1006 Benefit Charge Review

**Commissioner O'Harra Buttz moved to approve SOG 1006 Benefit Charge Review. Commissioner Dannat seconded. Motion carried.**

6. Resolution 2022-002 Establishing a Review Board for Benefit Charge appeals for 2022

**Commissioner Gorder moved to add Commissioner Bellerive to the Benefit Charge Review Board. Commissioner Dannat seconded. Motion carried.**

**Commissioner Gorder moved to approve Resolution 2022-002 as amended adding Commissioner Bellerive. Commissioner Dannat seconded. Motion carried.**

7. FBC exemptions

**Discussion. All appeals to be reviewed case by case by the Review Board and presented to the Fire Commission Board for final decision.**

8. Audit by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

**Chief Gibson stated that OVFR had been randomly selected by CMS to collect and report information/data to determine if payments for ambulance services are adequate. More information and a contract for services to collect and prepare data for the audit will be forthcoming.**

Board Reports

1. Pierce County Fire Commissioners

- a. The next meeting is January 27, 2022 via Zoom.
- b. Chief Gibson will listen to the Legislative Session Update Webinar that is scheduled at 7:00p.m. on the same date.

Executive Session

**None**

Commissioner General Business/Discussion

**None**

Adjournment

**Commissioner Palombi moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Dannat seconded. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 7:20p.m.**

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Commission Chair Margaret O'Harra Buttz

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Commission Vice-Chair Kevin Gorder

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