



Orting Valley Fire & Rescue

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Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting January 9, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. **Minutes**

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Bellerive led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

**Commission Chair Jason Bellerive
Commission Vice Chair Joe Palombi
Commissioner Arlene Dannat
Commissioner Margaret Buttz
Commissioner Kevin Gorder
Fire Chief Dustin Morrow
Admin Manager & District Secretary Kim Kemp**

Agenda Approval

Approval of January 9, 2024 Agenda

**Commissioner Dannat moved to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Palombi seconded.
Motion carried.**

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes approval of December 12, 2023 Regular Meeting
2. Expense reference numbers 9-20, totaling \$25,308.89
3. Letter to Pierce County to transfer \$823.52 directly to our account at KeyBank for commissioner and volunteer stipends.

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

Citizen Considerations and Requests

Bob Chute spoke about his concerns about phone service in his area, both land lines and cellular. Additionally, he has concerns about citizens abusing the EMS service. Chief Morrow is working to find answers and alternative options for both.

Presentations

DS Kemp presented the 2023 Budget highlights for both revenues and expenses.

Chief's Report

- **Chief Morrow** recapped the documentation from legal counsel stating the steps to complete a merger. Specific items are a SEPA report, a boundary review, and timing of effective dates as it relates to revenue collection.
- **Chief Morrow** will work with Bellerive and Dannat directly to establish meeting dates for the ILC.
- **Lt. Weigley** will be coordinating wildland efforts for the next year for the combined entity.
- The line staff of CPFR and OVFR are fully integrated.
- **Chief Morrow** will work with Commissioners directly regarding PulsePoint.

Old Business

None

New Business

1. Resolution 2024-001 Amendment of 2023 Budget

Commissioner Buttz moved to approve Resolution 2024-001. **Commissioner Dannat** seconded. **Motion carried.**

2. Election of Board Chair and Vice Chair

Commissioner Dannat moved to elect **Commissioner Bellerive** as Chair. **Commissioner Palombi** seconded. **Motion carried.**

Commissioner Buttz moved to elect **Commissioner Palombi** as Vice Chair. **Commissioner Bellerive** seconded. **Motion carried.**

3. Oath of Office, Joe Palombi

Commissioner Palombi was sworn in with his Oath of Office as Board of Fire Commissioner Position 1.

4. Oath of Office, Arlene Dannat

Commissioner Dannat was sworn in with his Oath of Office as Board of Fire Commissioner Position 3.

5. Oath of Office, Kevin Gorder

Commissioner Gorder was sworn in with his Oath of Office as Board of Fire Commissioner Position 4.

Board Reports

1. Pierce County Fire Commissioners

- a. **The next meeting is January 25, 2024, 7:00p.m. @ Graham Fire Station 94**

Executive Session

None

Commissioner General Business/Discussion

- General conversation amongst the Commissioners and Fire Chief regarding the happiness and overall positive vibe of the line personnel with the full integration between OVFR and CPFR.

Adjournment

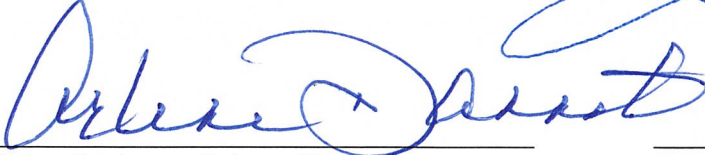
Commissioner Palombi moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Dannat seconded. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 7:13p.m.



Commission Chair Jason Bellerive



Commission Vice-Chair Joe Palombi



Commissioner Arlene Dannat



Commissioner Kevin Gorder



Commissioner Margaret Buttz



Admin Manager & District Secretary Kim Kemp