



# Orting Valley Fire & Rescue

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## Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting November 7, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. **Minutes**

### Call to Order

**Commissioner Bellerive called the meeting to order at 6:33p.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 Kevin Gorder (absent)  
Commissioner Margaret Buttz  
Fire Chief Dustin Morrow  
Admin Manager & District Secretary Kim Kemp**

**Commissioner Dannat moved to excuse Commissioner Gorder's absence. Commissioner Buttz seconded. Motion carried.**

### Agenda Approval

Approval of November 7, 2023 Agenda

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

### Consent Agenda

1. Minutes approval of October 10, 2023 Regular Meeting
2. Expense reference numbers 1130-1142, totaling \$26,606.78
3. Letter to Pierce County to transfer \$931.17 directly to our account at KeyBank for commissioner and volunteer stipends
4. Letter to Pierce County to transfer \$167,867.00 from General Expense to GO Bond fund for the December 1<sup>st</sup> principal and interest payment.

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

### Citizen Considerations and Requests

**None**

### Presentations

**Chief Gibson presented Chaplain Deb Ray with a plaque of appreciation for her 10 years of service and retirement from Orting Valley Fire & Rescue.**

Regular Session paused at 6:39p.m.  
Recess was called for 11 minutes until 6:50p.m.  
Regular Session resumed at 6:50p.m.

Presentation

DS Kemp gave an overview of the 2024 Fire Benefit Charge (FBC) for OVFR. No changes to the factors from the previous year. The FBC will be 39% of the total budget for OVFR.

Commission Chair Bellerive opened the FBC Public Hearing at 6:52p.m.

FBC Public Hearing

No questions or comments.

Commission Chair Bellerive closed the FBC Hearing at 6:53p.m.

Presentation

DS Kemp gave an overview of the 2024 Preliminary Budget for OVFR. The required expenses for OVFR were presented and the balance of revenues will be passed to CPFR as presented in the Contract for Services.

Commission Chair Bellerive opened the 2024 Budget Hearing at 6:55p.m.

Budget Public Hearing

It was asked how and where to find information regarding the Budget by the public/OVFR citizens. Information is available on the OVFR website. [www.ovfr.org](http://www.ovfr.org) Specifically it can be found in the Resolutions section once approved by the Board during a Meeting.

Commission Chair Bellerive closed the Budget Hearing at 6:57p.m.

New Business

1. Informational letter regarding the Fire Benefit Charge to our citizens  
**Commissioner Dannat moved to approve the informational letter to our citizens regarding the FBC. Commissioners Buttz and Palombi seconded. Motion carried.**
2. Resolution 2023-011 Authorization to transfer funds from the Expense Acct to the Reserve Acct  
**Commissioner Buttz moved to approve Resolution 2023-011. Commissioner Dannat seconded. Motion carried.**
3. Resolution 2023-012 Adoption of location, dates and time for Commissioner meetings in 2024  
**Commissioner Dannat moved to approve Resolution 2023-012. Commissioner Palombi seconded. Motion carried.**

Old Business

1. Establishment of 2<sup>nd</sup> OVFR member to serve on the Interlocal Council between CPFR and OVFR  
**Commissioner Bellerive moved to elect Commissioner Dannat as the second member of the ILC. Commissioner Buttz seconded. Motion carried.**
2. Establishment of an alternate OVFR member to serve on the IC between CPFR and OVFR  
**Commissioner Buttz moved to elect Commissioner Palombi as the alternate member of the ILC. Commissioner Dannat seconded. Motion carried.**

Chief's Report

- Chief Morrow gave a recap of the CPFR Budget meeting with CPFR's Board which included the potential timing of events in 2024 and beyond.
- Engine 41 will be in service soon!
- An SCBA compressor will be moved to Station 40.
- Chief Morrow and Chief Gibson had a successful meet and greet at the Orting Senior Center.
- Chief Morrow has a meeting with the Orting Police Department in the near future.
- The meeting with City of Orting Public Works will be re-scheduled.

Board Reports

1. Pierce County Fire Commissioners
  - a. The next meeting is November 16, 2023

Executive Session

**None**

Commissioner General Business/Discussion

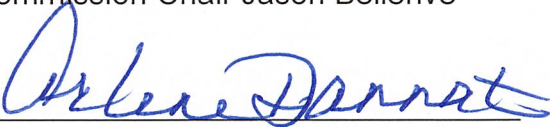
- **Chief Morrow gave a recap of the WFCA Conference. The next conference will be in Spokane and dates have been set for 2024.**
- **Codes for Active 911, PulsePoint and First Due been updated. More information to follow.**

Adjournment

**Commissioner Buttz moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Dannat seconded. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 7:19p.m.**

  
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Commission Chair Jason Bellerive

  
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