



Orting Valley Fire & Rescue

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

Call in number 253-215-8782
Meeting ID 858 1437 3847
Pin 4040

Call to Order

Commission Chair Bellerive called the meeting to order at 6:32p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Commission Chair Bellerive led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

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

Commissioner Gorder moved to excuse Commissioner O'Harra Buttz absence. Commissioner Dannat seconded. Motion carried.

Agenda Approval

Approval of October 11, 2022 Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes approval of September 27, 2022 Regular Meeting
2. Expense reference numbers 1109-1135, totaling \$140,556.94
3. Letter to Pierce County to transfer \$348,284.71 for payroll, deferred compensation and retirement directly to our account at KeyBank

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

Citizen Considerations and Requests

None

Setting of Rules for Public Hearing

Commission Chair Bellerive stated the following:

Any individual may request the Board recognize them and give their comments. In order to be called upon and have your comments recorded, please type the words “public comment”, your full name and your address into the chat box. Each person will be called by name for their commenting. Each person will have 3 minutes to address the Board.

Open Public Hearing on the Fire Benefit Charge

Commission Chair Bellerive opened the Public Hearing on the Fire Benefit Charge at 6:35p.m.

Chief Gibson gave an overview of 2023 budget highlights and presented the Fire Benefit Charge totals for 2023.

The charge factors did not change. The total amount of collection is \$2,758,143.79 and it is 36.74% of the total 2023 operating budget.

There were no citizen comments.

Close Public Hearing and Adjournment

Commission Chair Bellerive closed and adjourned the Public Hearing at 6:40p.m.

Chief's Report

- **Chief Gibson gave a recap of the fire that occurred on September 27, 2022**
- **Chief Gibson stated that the Emergency Preparedness Open House was successful and was well attended.**

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Board Reports

1. **Pierce County Fire Commissioners**
 - a. **WFCA Annual Conference October 27-29, 2022**

Regular Session paused at 6:44p.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.

Executive Session began at 6:45p.m. to last for 5 minutes until 6:50p.m. with decision.

Regular Session resumed at 6:50p.m.

Commissioner Palombi moved to approve Thornhill's contract as written. Commissioner Dannat seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner General Business/Discussion

- **Commissioner Palombi gave kudos to B-shift crew that handled a sensitive call, saving the life of one of our citizens.**
- **Commissioner Dannat asked if we used ESO. Yes, we use ESO for data services.**

Adjournment

Commissioner Palombi moved to adjourn. Commissioner Gorder seconded. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 6:54p.m.



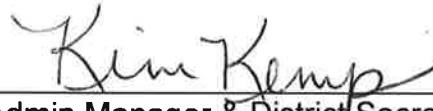
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