

YAKIMA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 4
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
May 11th, 2020

The meeting convened at 3:00 pm at East Valley Fire Station 40. Those present were Commissioner David Ramynke, Commissioner Les Riel, Commissioner Ben St. Mary, Fire Chief Mark Emery, Captain Trevor Lenseigne, Captain Keith Schrank, Captain Andy Babcock, Lieutenant Sean McDonald, FF Cole Neves, FF Blake Reeves, Admin Director Jenifer Huitt, and Admin Asst. Christy Olson.

Commissioner Ramynke called the meeting to order and conducted the pledge of allegiance.

STATION 42 STAFFING

Chairman Ramynke asked the Chief and Captains to discuss ideas on how to staff Station 42 once it is completed, including budgets and costs. Commissioner Riel noted the station should be completed mid-June.

Chief Emery provided the attached staffing ideas for review and discussion and noted the district had not budgeted for additional personnel. AD Huitt noted that the district did budget for additional personnel costs for the last half of the year. Concerns were raised that there is very little participation from the PTP/VOL staff during the daytime due to the fact that they have regular jobs. Commissioner Riel asked why we are not looking at a Resident Firefighter program like the rest of the nation, and putting one career person at station 42 to oversee the residents. No costs were presented. Cpt. Lenseigne stated there were additional costs with residents, like paying for college classes that are fire service related.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

There was some discussion about which certifications the PTP staff covering shifts would be required to have, which may depend on how many fully-credentialed career staff are on-site at the time. Also discussed were other current PTP/Volunteer policy requirements to think about, such as: Drill & training attendance requirements, possible consideration of prior experience, and whether or not training hours completed with other fire districts may count toward training hour requirements here. The Captains suggested increasing the max allowable PTP/Volunteer staff per shift from 9 to 12 people, to have more available candidates for shifts or other coverage. The board agreed that this is a good idea, and will issue action on this policy change at the Regular Meeting to follow at 4pm.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business Vice-Chairman St. Mary made a motion to adjourn. Seconded and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:47 pm.


Chairman David Ramynke 9.29.20


Vice-Chairman Ben St. Mary 9.29.20


Commissioner Les Riel 9.15.2020

ATTEST:

District Secretary Jenifer S Huitt 9.14.2020

Approved unanimously on 9/14/2020
via Open Public Meeting on Zoom.
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