

**Board of Fire Commissioners
Spokane County Fire Protection District 10
929 South Garfield Road
Airway Heights WA 99004
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

January 4, 2022

5:00pm

Commissioner Mericle called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Present

Commissioners Scott Mericle, Ken Pegg and Gordon Hester; Chief Ken Johnson; Deputy Chief Orlando Sandoval; Deputy Chief Don Malone; Division Chief Debbie Dodson; FF Ben Shoemaker and Administrative Director Peggy Callahan.

Swearing In – Commissioner Pegg was sworn in for his new six-year term by Commissioner Mericle.

Approval of the Agenda

Agenda was approved as mailed.

Approval of the Minutes

Minutes from the December 6, 2021, meeting was approved as mailed.

Correspondence – Reminder about Commissioners Banquet being held on January 13th. Commissioner Hester and Chief Johnson plan on attending

Financial Report

AP Warrants 13466 – 13479 totaling \$22,983.71 were approved. AP EFT/ACH totaling \$331,064.42 was approved. Payroll Warrants 808214 - 808214 totaling \$843.57 were approved. PR DD/EFT/ACH totaling \$147,073.79 were approved. November 2021 bank reconciliation was reviewed. 2022 budget was reviewed.

Chief's Report

- Finished the year at 1307 runs, our highest total since the annexation.
- Estimated 12% Increase in overall call volume in 2021
- Graduated 8 recruits in December
- The phone system has been installed, we will be having more surplus items including our old phones.
- Deputy Chief Don Malone is helping the local IMT as the Safety Officer for the local Warming Shelter.
- A10-1 update from DC Don Malone – Meetings scheduled at General Fire to review the specifications for the apparatus. A trip to the Rosenbauer plant in South Dakota will be

scheduled soon. This will allow staff to finalize design of apparatus and review progress to date.

- E10-3 is back in service.
- S10-4 is fixed
- Added back up cameras to S10-4 and the Bus
- E10-1 slid off the road last night, lucky Station 2 was staffed.
- Two semi vs car incidents that our members were called to that shut down I90 one of them was mutual aid with SCFD3 which resulted in a fatality.
- Recent recruiting material and recruiting update.
- Capital expenditures requested by Admin Staff- 3 Career staff, SCBA fill station, Replace 1 command vehicle, Asphalt at 10-4, Hose Rack, Outfitting Training Trailer, Extrication, Painting three stations.
- Reminder WSRB scheduled for October 5th

Short Term Plan

To develop a few short-term strategies in the next 6-12 months.

Replace A10-1/ also apply for grant to replace A10-1 giving us options.

Grant to replace compressor system and bottles at Station 1 and or mobile/ add to budget

Exploring options for a dedicated maintenance technician.

Developing options to increase the number of drivers and EMTs to expand

- Add 3 career firefighters
- Increase volunteer opportunities

3-5 year Strategic Plan

An objective outsider perspective

Outside market knowledge

Leveraging new skills to look at current trends or strategies and methodologies.

Neutral person to facilitate meetings.

Old Business

New Business

1. ESCI Contract – Chief Johnson presented a contract from ESCI for our Strategic Plan. Discussion followed. Commissioner Pegg made a motion to allow Chief Johnson to sign the contract with ESCI; seconded by Commissioner Hester. Motion carried.

Public Comment – Commissioner Mericle opened the meeting up to public comment.

Adjournment

The next regular meeting will be February 1st, 2022, at 5pm at Station 10-1 and via Zoom.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 5:58pm.

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Scott Mericle, Commissioner

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