

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

October 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 Don Malone; Deputy Chief Nick Henry; Deputy Chief Andres Steevens; Administrative Director Peggy Callahan.

Pinning – Meeting was paused at 5pm for the pinning ceremony for Deputy Chief Andres Steevens.

Regular meeting resumed at 5:15pm.

Approval of the Agenda

Agenda was approved as mailed.

Approval of the Minutes

Minutes from the September 6 and September 21, 2022, meetings were approved as mailed.

Financial Report

AP Warrants 13594 – 13608 totaling \$50,875.78 were approved. AP EFT/ACH totaling \$124,544.53 was approved. Payroll Warrants 808226 – 808228 totaling \$4,098.12 were approved. PR DD/EFT/ACH totaling \$198,691.32 were approved. August 2022 bank reconciliation was reviewed.

Chief's Report

- 5% ahead of last year in 911 calls. 128 incidents for September.
- WSRB scheduled for October 5- Updating the checklist
- Fire Dispatch SREC- Budget info for the year
- Safer Grant awarded.
- Indian Village Estates Water Association hydrant training, working on use agreement.
- DNR agreement has not been finalized yet.
- Command Unit replacements adding 2 Tahoe's- Because they are fleet purchases, they are \$25 thousand cheaper per vehicle then the current market price. We were planning the second Tahoe for 2023, purchasing the 2nd vehicle this year saved \$10,000. Pickups to be used as support vehicles.

- DNR has 18 type 6 and type 3 engines, we will submit for one.
- Chiefs and DNR are discussing reducing burn restrictions soon.
- We provided another letter of support to the West Plains Connection
- Turning away residents because we don't have any more rooms.
- We are beginning recruiting for lateral firefighters.
- Budget Meeting on October 26th.
- Spokane County Building & Planning is seeking non-voting members for the Spokane County Steering Committee of Elected Officials (SCEO). The SCEO oversees Countywide Planning Policies, reviews growth projections, recommends urban growth area boundaries, and other functions. We are formally circulating a non-voting member application to represent the fire districts.
- Washington Fire Commissioner Association Conference Oct 26th- 29th.

6-12 month Short Term Plan

Safer Grant hiring of 3 firefighters

Replace A10-1/ also apply for grant to replace A10-1 giving us options. (In Process)

Replace compressor system and bottles at Station 1 and mobile unit

S10-5 Bathroom to be installed by 2023

Developing options to increase the number of drivers and EMTs to expand St2 Coverage

- Increase volunteer opportunities (Completed with Staffing Station 2 consistently)

3-5 year Strategic Plan

Completed, planning workshop in September.

Old Business

1. Roundtable Meeting Follow Up – Lt Murphy briefed the board on training department activities. Highlights included: hiring process for Assistant Training Officer (B Wittig); new forced door prop; vehicle extrication and forced door training.
2. Strategic Plan Timeline Update – working on end of year comparisons and putting together a retention committee.

New Business - None

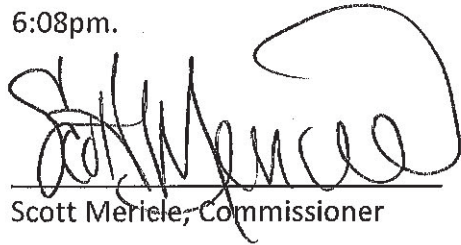
Public Comment – Commissioner Mericle opened the meeting up to public comment.

Commissioner Pegg announced that he will be retiring from the Board of Fire Commissioners effective December 31, 2022. He was thanked for his service for the past ten years.

Adjournment

The next regular meeting will be November 1, 2022, at 5pm at Station 10-1. There will be a budget meeting held just prior to the regular meeting (4:45pm).

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 6:08pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Meriele", is written over a horizontal line.

Scott Meriele, Commissioner
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