

**PIERCE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 3
WEST PIERCE FIRE & RESCUE
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 18, 2022**

Chair Dalton called the meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 5:30 p.m. This is a Zoom meeting. A quorum was present with Commissioner Durr excused. Also in attendance were D/C Boltz, D/C McCurdy, A/C McGrady, A/C Hebeisen, A/C Fiacchi, A/C Adams, and Director Wick.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Dalton motioned for approval of the agenda. Commissioner Sheeran moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Clancy Seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisting of Board Minutes of December 07, 2022. Warrant #64430 through #64524 totaling \$212,727.77. Warrants #64525 through #64600 totaling \$611,183.23. Warrants #64601 through #64662 totaling \$240,376.67. Warrants #64663 through #64688 totaling \$358,928.88. Warrants #64699 through #64719 totaling \$26,288.53. Finance Report November 30, 2021. November 2021 Alarm Summary. December 2021 Alarm Summary. December payroll \$2,886,910.95.

Consent Agenda approved unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

CITIZEN COMMENTS - No comments at this time.

NEW BUSINESS – None

STAFF REPORT

- Chiefs Report - Chief Sharp briefed the Board
 - Recent Fires – A/C Hebeisen briefed the Board on the fires:
 - Fire next to House of Donuts. Heavily involved. Still under investigation with LPD, ATF, and WPFRR.
 - Second fire was a great save. Crews went through the window and instead of going through the house and made the window into a big door. Successful outcome. LPD and residents helped with getting the patient out. LPD and residents were treated at the scene. Tactic is becoming more prevalent in the fire industry.
 - Covid Update – A/C McGrady briefed the Board on Covid:
 - Tracking Covid cases. Case counts are rising. Current count 15 active cases within the department, one additional suspected and three in quarantine. Case rate has slowed the last couple of days. Prior to that we were experiencing 2-3 cases per day. Some of the first case of Covid within the department are starting to coming back. No significant hospitalizations and symptoms seem to be minor. **Chair Dalton asked how many employees have had Covid. A/C McGrady stated he would have to get that information as some employees have been re-infected. Roughly 40 or 50.**
 - Holiday Events – A/C Adams briefed the Board on the holiday events:
 - The first week of December was the West Pierce CARES drive thru Santa. Almost 300 cars drove through and dropped off food for EFN. Kids could drop off letters to Santa. Letters are handwritten back by Santa.
 - UP did a business sponsored drive thru event. Crews and engine decorated with lights. 250 cars drove through. No in person tree lighting. Did a virtual tree lighting. WPFRR did a video for the city with Santa riding on a fire engine,
 - City of Lakewood did a drive through event at Fort Steilacoom Park. 500 cars drove by to see the lights and lit up vehicles. Lots of fun events to celebrate the holidays safely with the community.
 - Chief Sharp commented on the state requirements for Covid. OSHA had initially required all employees over 100 to be vaccinated or tested. The Supreme Court disagreed with this rule and mandate was dropped. Federal employees fell under this guide which would be WPFRR. We started to get prepared for the federal guidelines. We have a testing methodology in place. We have a 72-

- . West Pierce Fire is 87% vaccinated. We are ready for any requirement that is decided through WISHA and any Federal mandates.
- o New legislative session started. A couple Police reform bills had a sweeping change law put in place. Currently addressing some of the reforms that need to change. Legislative session is putting new House bills to clarify language. Another bill allows for the restraint of mentally ill patients. Helps transport patients and allows hands on restraint for police officer to help.
 - o HB 1620 addresses the response to extreme weather. Helps with the cost of funding cooling stations to coalitions to open centers to help in extreme weather.
 - o Worked with the town administrator on a contract. Negotiated agreeable terms. It is on the agenda for approval for tonight at their city council meeting.
 - o Six more firefighters on the line as of today. Six laterals that were hired finished recruit academy.
 - o 20 new recruits started January 6th. Also, one new mechanic. Lots of activity in the training department.
 - o Lots of promotions as of January 1, 2022. New Squad has been established and is now part of the crew staffing and not on overtime.
 - o February 1, 2022, we hired a date analyst. Jeff Axtell is retiring, and we hired a new analyst who has experience and is from Central Pierce Fire & Rescue.
 - o Connected CARE position held interviews. Hoping to start position February 1. Lots of great candidates.
 - o Quarterly Report was included in the Board packet and highlights the last quarter
 - o Staff members attended the HR conference in Florida. Lots of great classes. Nice to get together at a conference again.
 - o Chief Sharp will be on vacation until February 1st. If you need anything contact Tammy or D/C McCurdy.
 - o Board meetings have been held monthly during Covid times. We will plan on having a monthly meeting on the second meeting of the month. This will be a month to month basis and a request for meeting cancellation will be brought to meetings for a motion to cancel.
- Chair Dalton called for a motion to cancel the first meeting of the month. Commissioner Clancy stated this should be a month to month cancellation. Chair Dalton motioned for the meetings to be cancelled the first of the month on a month to month motion. Commissioner Sheeran motioned. Commissioner Rankin seconded. All approved unanimously**

NEW BUSINESS - None

ACTION ITEMS – None

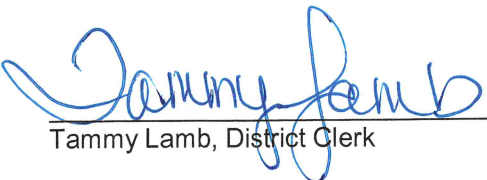
BOARD COMMENTS

- **Commissioner Rankin – Briefed** the Board on the five new members on the Commissioners association. The 27th is Leg Day. Go to the website and sign up. It is free. It advises everyone on the updates happening in the Legislature. 22nd of January is the Board meeting for the Fire Commissioners Association.
- **Commissioner Clancy –** Thanked everyone for their hard work. Nice to see everyone,
- **Commissioner Sheeran –** Thanked everyone for the outreach during the holidays. Nice to see us reaching out to the community. Great to see the work on the second fire ended so well. Sorry to see the first one had a fatality.
- **Chair Dalton –** Great to see everyone. Hope everyone had a nice holiday

ADJOURNMENT

There being nothing further to bring to the Board Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:00.

Next Meeting: February 15, 2022 @ 5:30/Zoom. Motion was approved to cancel the February 1, 2022, Board meeting.


Tammy Lamb, District Clerk


Bart Dalton, Board Chair


Koree Wick, District Secretary