

**PIERCE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 3  
WEST PIERCE FIRE & RESCUE  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 15, 2022**

Chair Dalton called the meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 5:31p.m. This is a Zoom meeting. A quorum was present with Commissioner Clancy 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 Rankin motioned to approve the agenda. Commissioner Durr Seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

**PRESENTATIONS**

- Merit Award – Chris Pfaff – Chief Sharp briefed the Board on the Merit Award for Chris Pfaff. He read the letter that explained the incident and actions. A/C Adams presented his Merit Award and Commissioners and Staff thanked Chris for his dedication and hard work. This incident, because of you, had a positive impact.
- AmeriCorps Week Proclamation – Chair Dalton read the Proclamation and thanked the AmeriCorps volunteer for all her hard work. Rachel Adler and Serena Rotondo do an amazing job working with our community.
- AmeriCorps Volunteer introduction – Serena Rotondo – Rachel Adler introduced Serena. Rachel briefed the Board on Serena's work and how creative, intelligent, and amazing to our community Serena is. By the time she is finished she will have donated 5100 hours. We also were awarded the grant for the 2023 year. All Commissioners and Chief commented on the hard work and commitment during these challenging times of Covid. Great community work Serena, we are lucky to have you.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda consisting of Board Minutes of February 15, 2022. Warrant #65007 through #65065 totaling \$159,275.86. Warrants #65066 through #65113 totaling \$246,073.47. Warrants #65114 through #65157 totaling \$492,331.26. Warrants #65169 through #65242 totaling \$341,402.71. Warrants #64964 through #65005 totaling \$161,326.94. Finance Report January 31, 2022 & February 28, 2022. February 2022 Alarm Summary. February payroll is \$2,956,137.92.

**Consent Agenda approved unanimously.**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**CITIZEN COMMENTS** - No comments at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS** – None

**STAFF REPORT**

- Recent Incidents – Chief Boltz commented on the fire over on Day Island. The resident was found over an embankment. Crews did a fantastic job navigating both incidents. Fire took a while to put out and very proud of how hard the crews worked.
- Chiefs Report - Chief Sharp briefed the Board
  - Annual Report – Chief Sharp briefed the Board on the Annual Report. Thanked everyone for their hard work.
  - Record year for calls. Just shy of 18,000 calls and lots of training hours. Lots of information in the annual report. Hard copies will be coming soon.
  - Mask mandates have changed, and Chief Sharp has sent our directives to the crews on the masking requirements. This has been a long haul and lots of work. Thanks to all the employees for keeping moral high and getting through this pandemic.
  - Open House will be back this summer. If anything changes with Covid we will deal with the changes. First weekend in June.
  - April 1, 2022, changes happening, and we are putting back the North Battalion Chief position. With changes with additional resources it was necessary to put this position back in place.
  - October 1, 2022, the next squad will come on at Station 31. This is the final step of the four-year levy.

- Received notice that we got the DOE grant of \$67,200.00. Award details will be sent out later. Thanked Chris Pfaff and Tammy Lamb on their hard work.
- Legislative session had some success – Law enforcement can assist better in the field. Big shift to help in the field with mentally ill patients.
- LEOFF 2 upgrade passed. This affects the 15-25 year firefighters with retirement benefits.
- Dispatch leg passed for 911 dispatchers.
- Did not pass the extreme weather centers. Was hoping for funding at the state level. Will revisit next year.
- Station 24 in Oakbrook has a contract to add some property for fleet, maintenance, and a Logistics center. 5-acre lease which is next to Western State Hospital. Expanding that location for additional training facilities. Per acre pricing is lower. This will expand Station 24 and allow for additional facilities to be put in place.
- Looking for a location for Station 32. Strategic planning goal is 6500 block to 7500 block of Bridgeport. Actively seeking a land purchase for Station 31 as this was part of Chief Sharp's goals and marching orders from the Board of Commissioners. Commissioners were asked if this was still their goal. Commissioners gave the thumbs up to continue to pursue the search for property.
- Update on the Stair Climb in Seattle which is a fundraiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma cause. This is a worldwide event which attracted 1200 firefighters. West Pierce had a firefighter Brian Johnson, who took 5<sup>th</sup>. Solveig Waterfall was the top woman in that her category. Raised 15,000 and took 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. D/C Boltz, A/C McGrady, and A/C Fiacchi all were part of the team. Great job by everyone.
- Board of Commissioners meeting are allowed in person meetings. Hybrid meeting is required so Zoom meeting needs to be an option. April 19<sup>th</sup> will be our first in person meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS** - None

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

- Cancel the April 05, 2022, Board of Commissioners meeting.  
**Chair Dalton motioned for approval of canceling the April 05, 2022, Board of Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Rankin motioned to approve. Commissioner Durr seconded. All approved unanimously.**

#### **BOARD COMMENTS**

- **Commissioner Rankin** – Thanked everyone for their hard work. Thanked Chris Pfaff for his hard work and quick actions. Thanked Serena for her hard work and dedication.
- **Commissioner Sheeran** – Would like Chief to stay on track as far as continuing to look for property for Station 32. Thanked everyone who is part of the Stair Climb. Congratulated Chris Pfaff for his hard work and dedication. Was glad Chris happened to be there, and proud of the way he responded. Thanked AmeriCorps for their hard work. Thoughts to the PC Sheriffs Dept.
- **Commissioner Durr** – Echoed everyone's comments and very proud to be associated with this department with all the hard work
- **Chair Dalton** – Dittoed Chris' hard work and dedication. Awesome how he jumped in and made it happen. Thanked Serena and Rachel for their work. Thankful for the Annual Report. Very well done. Excited to have a face-to-face meeting. Thanked everyone for their hard work.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being nothing further to bring to the Board Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:05.

**Next Meeting: April 19, 2022 @ 5:30/in person with a Zoom option. Meeting for April 05, 2022, was motioned and seconded. Meeting is cancelled.**

  
Tammy Lamb, District Clerk

  
Bart Dalton, Board Chair

  
Koree Wick, District Secretary