

# **SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO 8**

## **Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting**



### **MEETING MINUTES**

October 8, 2024; 6:00 pm

#### **CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS**

A regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was held at Station 82 and accessible on Zoom. Commissioner Jeff Larsen called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm. In Attendance: Commissioner Andy Rorie, Commissioner Jeff Larsen, Commissioner Lee C Boling, Chief Lonnie Rash, Assistant Chief Chris Wyrobek, District Secretary Michelle Rodgers, L3711 President Blaine Holman, members of the District, and members of the public.

#### **INTRODUCTIONS & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Commissioner Larsen stated no comments were received via online or on the website.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

A motion was made by Commissioner Larsen and seconded by Commissioner Rorie: move to approve the Agenda as Amended. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:**

The following warrants and electronic transfers were approved for payment:

- Warrant Numbers 115911 through 115974 totaling \$235,128.70
- Electronic Payments 09/01/2024 – 09/30/2024 totaling \$849,792.81

A motion was made by Commissioner Boling and seconded by Commissioner Rorie: move to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**A. 2025 Draft Budget Review:** Chief Rash conformed to policy 10.02.01 in presenting our draft 2025 budget which is inclusive of the 2025 capital projects. The 2025 budget contains remaining funds that offset any changes in our contractual obligations. Currently, we are still in negotiations with Local 3711. Chief Rash stated the draft does include a 2.5% increase Cola for non-represented staff and a 6.9% increase in medical insurance. Currently, Chief Rash is looking into the wellness program and plans to present it in totality at the next meeting. There is also a placeholder input for firefighter physicals inclusive of cancer screening. Commissioner Larsen stated he is glad these placeholders are there. Chief Rash stated we saw a significant increase in our insurance both in apparatus and facilities. Commissioner Boling stated the Risk Management

**D. HR Manager Recruitment:**

Chief Rash informed the Board the application closes end of day on October 14<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup> will be the first review. Interviews will begin on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. There is a committee put together and will be screening the applicants. Chief Rash is confident we will have 6 or 7 good candidates to interview. Chief Rash thanked Commissioner Boling for being on the committee.

**E. Facility/Liability Insurance Review:**

Chief Rash wanted to reiterate the review and explain the increase due to the three components mentioned earlier.

**OPERATIONS REPORT: Chief WYROBEK**

**A. None**

**DISTRICT SECRETARY: Michelle Rodgers**

**A. None**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. Washington Fire Commissioners Association Conference-**
- B. Recruit Graduation: November 1 at 1200 at the Snoqualmie Golf Club.** Chief Rash asked if there was any interest in attending. Commissioner Boling is interested in attending. Commissioner Larsen also mentioned he may already be in the area.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 6:30 pm Chief Rash requested an Executive Session for twenty minutes per RCW 42.30.140(4)(b) that portion of a meeting during which the governing body is planning or adopting the strategy or position to be taken by the governing body during the course of any collective bargaining, professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings, or reviewing the proposal made in the negotiations or proceedings while in progress.

Chief Rash, Assistant Chief WYROBEK, and Finance Manager Michelle Rodgers joined the commissioners in the Executive Session.

At 7:00 Commissioner Larsen called the meeting back in session. No decisions were made during Executive Session.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. Final Budget Adoption: November Meeting**
- B. 2025 EMS Levy: Draft Considerations**
- C. Policy Workshop:** Chief Rash asked the commissioners if it is preferred to have the next policy workshop in October/November or next year. Commissioner Boling suggested that with all the different projects currently in motion, the policy workshop would be a priority for next year.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Larsen and seconded by Commissioner Rorie: move to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**SPOKANE COUNTY  
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 8**

**AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PUBLIC PROPERTY  
UNDER CHAPTER 39.33 RCW**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 24-02**

**WHEREAS**, Spokane County Fire Protection District 8 owns certain equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, Spokane County Fire Protection District 8 no longer has need of said equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 39.33.020 RCW, Disposal of Surplus Property, provides the authority and procedure for the disposition of this equipment; and

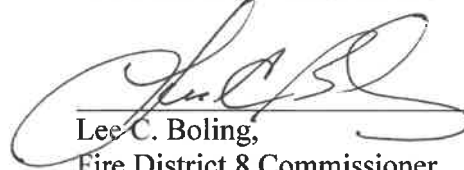
**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of the citizens of Spokane County Fire Protection District 8 to divest itself of these items;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners of Spokane County Fire Protection District 8, hereby declare the following attached list of equipment as surplus to the needs of the District and direct that staff dispose of said equipment in conformance with 39.33.020 RCW.

**ADOPTED** at the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Spokane County Fire Protection District 8, this 12th day of November, 2024, the following majority of commissioners being present and voting:



Andrew V. Rorie, Chair  
Fire District 8 Commissioner



Lee C. Boling,  
Fire District 8 Commissioner

Jeffery A. Larsen  
Fire District 8 Commissioner

  
ATTEST: Michelle Rodgers, District Secretary