

VASHON ISLAND FIRE & RESCUE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes

Date: 02/19/2019

Time: 19:00

Place: 10020 SW Bank Road, Station 55 Conference Room

SPECIAL MEETING

Present: Brigitte Schran-Brown, Chair
Candy McCullough, Vice-Chair
David Hoffman, Commissioner
Camille Staczek, Commissioner
Andy Johnson, Commissioner (arrived at 19:08)
Charles Krimmert, Fire Chief
Carin Bruce, Minute Taker

Doug Ostrom, Parks Chair, Bob McMahon, Parks Commissioner, Abby Antinelis, Parks Commissioner, Elaine Ott-Rocheford Parks Executive Director, Captain Tonkin, FF/EMT McCann, FF/EMT Steele, FF/EMT John, Susan Reimer

Absent Assistant Chief Robert Larsen, District Secretary Jojo Weller, Parks Vice Chair Hans Van Dusen, Parks Commissioner Karen Gardener

Pledge of Allegiance

Amendments to Agenda

New Business

- Senate Bill 5010 handed out. See attachment.
- Letter from Hillary Emmer, read by Chief Krimmert. See attachment.
- Letter was addressed:
- Interlocal Agreement between Vashon Island Fire and Rescue and Vashon parks District per RCW 52.30.020.
 - The law executing contracts within county passed in 1974, but was not implemented.
 - The process started early in 2017 shows that we are *not* moving aggressively on the Parks.
 - The first time discussing without intermediaries.
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- Fire District:
 - Examples of contracts with the District that pay no cash:
 - Cemetery district giving a parcel they would maintain for a Memorial for FF.
 - Water districts 19, we are a consumer as compensation; we are obligated to be in an agreement with municipal agencies.
 - Airport District maintains our helipad.
 - Contracts that pay cash:

- The State has set the rule as with the Schools at \$1.19 per student. Totaling around \$1,800 per year, which is dependent enrollment. Low amount was set by the State RCW defines what percentage the Schools pay.
 - Schools and Ferries are bad examples, which Parks uses.
 - The agreement with Ferry's the State has set the rule. We've asked instead of them paying us that we could drive for free, but we were denied. Ferry's pay around \$6,500. We pay them about \$4,500.
 - Other contracts:
 - Non-profits, churches, done at will; a pilot program, in lue of payment. 30% receive fire support and pay no property tax, including land trust.
 - The Fire District has legal counsel for contracts with roads, metro, and parks.
 - The Airport District maintains the helipad for Fire services on their property.
 - Sunrise ridge paid for the helipad.
 - Fire District Statistics and Problems:
 - Payment for Fire Service is not different than paying for water and sewage. This is business and the practice. The only difference is you don't know when we are coming or when you will need us.
 - Public survey wasn't promised and not done, based on Parks meeting in April.
 - The levy secured in 2017 doesn't use the full 6% and not over \$1.50 but at \$1.43/\$1,000.
 - Land bequeathed and non-taxed means less property paying costs. Making up as much as 15% of the land.
 - Properties not paying taxes still require services and with less money provide more service to organizations that are not funding the service.
 - 27 years of deferred maintenance. The levy will help us catch up, but it's a recovery plan.
 - Expenses are higher now compared to when the department was all volunteer ran.
 - Fire Districts at the threshold of sacrificing our department's success.
 - Value statement of the Parks includes keeping your clientele safe, we do that for you.
 - As property gets dryer, there is more threat of wildland fires that are moving farther West.
 - Any call is responded to, no matter the area, meaning 300 acres be covered for free.
 - We serve Parks 8 times a year for free for the past 36 years.
 - Chief's primary concern for the betterment and safety of Vashon, leading to legal counsel to achieve.
 - A serious fire would devastate both parties.
 - Acquiring Bond money takes time, and doesn't work when a fire engine goes down today.
- Parks Concerns:
 - The law doesn't give extra provision to the governing entities that will be in contract on either side.
 - They are a junior taxing district. Not able to get dollars like the Fire Department.

- In perspective \$8,000 or \$1,800 is not that big of a deal to Fire budget that “You don’t need”, but is huge to Parks. Elaine pleads to let the \$5,000 go, and \$1,800 is a breathable fee.
 - Concerned with competition with the Hospital District. KC is asking for .17c and the Library for the folded lift up to .50, adding another .17c. Parks expecting to be annihilated.
 - Parks feel abused by school district and have to pay the schools to use fields.
 - Schools paying \$1800 and Parks asking to pay close to \$9,000. Where fires or injuries incurred at schools doesn’t compare to Parks.
 - Economics teaches that the entire budget shouldn’t go to Fire protection, Parks should get a portion for the legitimate demands of the public; like Poulso where the Mayor determines where the funds go.
 - Parks are included in quality of life.
 - COLA, how long, and what is the escalation cause.
- Parks were offered a draft and it is being disputed.
 - Initially the funds were requested to have it based on assessed value.
 - Based on Elaine’s founding of an assessed value of the 524 acres of Parks property;
 - Started with 1/3rd the tax value: \$11,000. An equal number seemed in support as against.
 - Elaine came back with \$5,000.
 - Parks employees becoming wildland fire fighters were turned down.
 - Chief asked for \$8,000. Equal to 1% of Park’s budget, same as Fire District pays for insurance.
 - Charge a fee per call basis was discussed. Fire Department historically responds once every 45 days to Parks property. (Library, Point Robinson fire)
 - Parks asked for \$1.19 per person for those who use the parks, comparable to the Schools payment at \$1,800.
 - Parks asking for a set dollar amount to be determined.
 - Parks requested calculations of these examples, based on their property value.
 - Parks per 2018 meeting minutes offered: one dollar, \$10.00 or to sue the Fire District.
 - \$5,500 was discussed, then \$8,000 yet it was never voted.
 - \$5,877 based on primarily used properties, was agreed on with Parks Commissioners, with ½ of the 524 acre properties as undeveloped, such as Fisher Pond surrounding land.
 - Question as to if all the properties could be included was not answered.
 - Posting signs saying outside of Fire Department covered area was suggested.
 - Parks suggest both get revenue with bonds for capital expenditures and not levy money.
 - Looking for a compromise.
 - Proposal, flat rate \$5,877 to be voted at Parks Board Meeting, Feb 26th.
 - It will be put on the Fire Department agenda for Feb 27th
 - By the end of March. Report to Chief after Feb 26th meeting.


General Comments

For the Good of the Order

Adjourned at 20:27

The next Regular Meeting will be on Wednesday 27 March 2019, at 18:30 at 10019 SW Bank Rd, Vashon, Penny Farcy Training Center, Large Classroom

Approved this 27th day of March 2019



Brigitte Schran-Brown, Board Chair
C~~o~~ chair Candy McCullough



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