

**VASHON ISLAND FIRE & RESCUE
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**
Minutes

Date: 10/09/2019

Time: 18:30

Place: 10019 SW Bank Rd, Penny Farcy Memorial Fire Training Center, Large Classroom

REGULAR MEETING

Present: Candy McCullough, Vice-Chair
Dave Hoffman, Position 05
Camille Staczek, Position 02
Andy Johnson, Position 01
Charles Krimmert, Fire Chief (arrive 19:06)
Jojo Weller, District Secretary

Eric Pryne

Absent: Brigitte Schran-Brown, Board Chair, Dave Hoffman, Position 05, Robert Larsen, Assistant Chief of Operations

Pledge of Allegiance

Amendments to Agenda

- Chief Walkowski Update

New Business

- a. Public hearing on revenue sources including possible increases in property tax.
- b. Preliminary budget presentation.
 - Chief Krimmert presents 2020 Preliminary Budget, see attached report:
 - He notes that September reconciliation is also presented and if the Board wishes they can approve this tonight
 - He explains that the highlighted blue budget line items are new ideas only to pursue and not an actual budget line item.
 - Revenues- first line item is the tax levy information; this reflects the preliminary levy amount received from county
 - He goes through each revenue budget line item starting with the first line item which is the tax levy information; this reflects the preliminary levy amount
 - Eric Pryne asks if the mobilization revenue budget line is for equipment rental for fighting wildfires. Chief Krimmert confirms this is correct. Commissioner Staczek asks how the payment is calculated and if the District pays the member's salary for this. Chief Krimmert replies that this revenue is the rental fee for the apparatus and the state pays the member's salary and any OT incurred.
 - AT&T's lease is expiring in 2021 and we are hoping to negotiate a strong lease. If both Sprint's and AT&T's lease were about 60k annually the District could stay on a new aid car projection for every three years.
 - He mentions that out of the 5.5 million the District is anticipating he would like to use 850k to build the reserve funds.

- His rule of thumb is he assumes the District will only get money from taxes so he excludes the additional revenues when calculating the expense budget.
- Based on the assessed value of 3.3 billion our rate next year is \$1.47 which is three cents higher than last year's rate of \$1.43 but not exceeding \$1.50.
- Chief Krimmert goes over the Preliminary Levy Limit Worksheet – 2019 Tax Roll, see attached
- He goes over the 2020 expense budget line items
- Chief Krimmert presents September reconciliation budget:
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 - Our taxes are 4.6 million this year and it looks like we will have 360k surplus to end the year
 - 300k will be transferred into the General Reserve fund
 - Vice-Chair McCullough is surprised as there were a lot of unexpected expenses this year.

Motion by Vice-Chair McCullough:

“I make a motion to approve the reconciliation of September 2019 budget report.”

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- Eric Pryne comments that two years ago the District asked the voters for help, that they (the community) wasn't safe and the voters' responded overwhelmingly in support of the District. Proposition 1 allowed the District to go another 5 years taking up to 6% revenue. The District has proposed to take the maximum 6% every year. His suggestion is to hone the message to what the deliverables are. For example the District increased firefighter staffing and bought more gear. Communicate better to the public on what they are getting out of paying more taxes.
 - Chief and the Board appreciate the counsel. Chief points out that the apparatus replacement schedule, attached, is part of the message and ties in to this. That's where the money is critical, for example the District this year put almost a million dollars in the reserve fund and next year's projection is \$800,000. There was really no rainy day fund the District is trying to get ahead.
 - Vice-Chair McCullough agrees that the last 20 years of deferred maintenance to the buildings and roof or the aging apparatus is not an obvious and does not show in the bottom line. She thanks Eric for the good counsel.

Old Business

- Chief Walkowski update
 - There are two more people that Chief Walkowski will interview and that will be done over the phone as scheduling in person has been tough.
 - After the last two interviews Vice-Chair McCullough and Raechel would have a conversation with him to see what his thoughts are and follow his recommendation.
 - Commissioner Staczek would like to get this done as soon as possible. Commissioner Johnson agrees.

General Comments

- Commissioner Staczek thanks Eric for attending tonight's meeting.

For the Good of the Order

Documents Signed

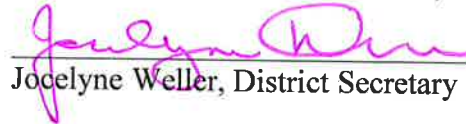
Adjourned 20:14

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

Approved this 27th day of November 2019



Candy McCullough, Vice-Chair



Jocelyne Weller, District Secretary