

**GRAYS HARBOR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT # 2**

**District Meeting Minutes  
9 March 2006 7:00 PM**

The Commissioners meeting of Grays Harbor Fire District #2 was called to order by Chair Mike Whittaker at 7:00 PM in the Central Park Fire Department. Commissioners present: Nick Dunjic, Dale Hensley. District Chief - absent. Station Chief's present: Greg Bash and Larry Willis and Frank Scherer. Others present: Mike Hubbard, Judy Hubbard, Cheryl Thompson, Larry Willis, Lester Willis and Josh Ambrose.

District Chief Prater absent due to illness.

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Chair Mike Whittaker.

Flag salute was called.

Motion made by Dunjic and seconded by Hensley to approve the Agenda.  
Unanimously carried.

Hensley moved and Dunjic seconded approval of minutes for February 9, 2006.  
Unanimously carried.

Hensley moved and Dunjic seconded approval of minutes from EMS Levy meeting on February 16, 2006.  
Unanimously carried.

Executive Session was called at 7:05pm for Personnel issues, 10 minute session.

Meeting called back to order at 7:15pm, no action taken.

Hensley moved and Dunjic seconded approval of Resolution 2006-04 to reinvest expense Account of \$40,000.00.  
Unanimously carried.

Whittaker moved and Dunjic seconded approval of Resolution 2006-05 to transfer \$30,000.00 from Ambulance account to Expense account.  
Unanimously carried.

Dunjic moved and Whittaker seconded to change the maximum limit to \$500.00 on the Petty Cash Fund. We will need to move \$500.00 out of that fund to the Expense account. The account is presently at \$1,000.00.  
Unanimously carried.

The question was asked; "how much is the interest rate on the \$40,000.00 investment"?  
Secretary will call the county and find out.

Ambulance report is attached. Monthly billing total for February is \$28,144.00, with a YTD billing total of \$51,528.00, YTD total received is \$29,429.98. Transports YTD 65.

## **Station Reports:**

Wynoochee – Deputy Chief Bash reports, 8 active, 1 on leave, 1 on medical leave. Thirty hours of training and 25 hours of stand-by.

Brady - Deputy Chief Willis reports, 2 senior reserves, 17 active, 3 on leave. Willis reported 17 calls; 14 medical, 1 mutual aide w/Satsop and 3 fire. The station purchased a digital camera.

Central Park – Deputy Chief Scherer's report is attached. Scherer reported 39 calls. 1 fire and 38 EMS. CP has 15 active, 1 on probation and 1 senior reserve. A wind storm caused a power outage at Station he feels we need to purchase a generator. The Awards Banquet is March 11 at the GH Country Club. There is a leadership class at the Station on March 11-12<sup>th</sup>. The EMS Transit Grant has been approved to purchase new Stryker Pro Stair Chair and an Autovent 3000 w/case and supplies. Total grant \$4,358.92.

District Chief Report – Excused

## **Unfinished Business:**

Peggy Fouts of 911 did not attend the meeting.

Eligibility List for Medics - After much discussion was tabled for April.

Hose Testing Policy was tabled, will make a decision in April.

Expenditure Policy and Complaint Policy was tabled until April.

## **New Business:**

Commissioners discussed the EMS Levy meeting. A pamphlet needs to be put together for review and sent out to the voting public. Night-Out Against Crime is a great opportunity to talk with the voting public. We need to clarify the 60% needed to pass the levy. When the Committee is formed, they will put this all together. Will the Daily World put our flyer in the newspaper? Much discussion followed. The Newsletter needs to go first.

Commissioner Hensley addressed the Newsletter. Reminding the Commission that the deadline was January 30, 2006; this deadline was set in November 2005 and we still have not seen one.

## **Good of the Order:**

Discussion followed about 911-Fire 7. We are still using Fire 1, Peggy Fouts did not come to the meeting tonight. Some pagers are on Fire 7. A letter to Peggy from Commissioners is attached.

Motion was made by Dunjic and seconded by Hensley to stay with Fire 1. Commissioner Whittaker will write a letter to 911 stating our intentions and we will reset all pagers back to Fire 1.

Unanimously carried.

Captain Josh Ambrose stated that we need to develop a plan for better communication with 911 and FD#2. We may need a grant for a new radio system.

Commissioner Hensley addressed the commission. He is having hip surgery next week and will not be available at the next meeting. With District Chief Prater's illness, Hensley asked if it is possible to have the password to his computer just incase, Commissioner Whittaker will talk with Prater.

Commissioner Dunjic showed pictures of the rot that is in the side of the building at Station #31. Captain Thompson asked if a consultant for the Bldg was ever approached to look at the rot and give a full estimate? No.

**Public comment:**

Mrs. Judy Hubbard addressed the Commission and asked if Chief Prater has been able to bring the Paid staff and Volunteer staff together as a team as promised? What if the EMS Levy fails? Do we have an alternate plan?

Commissioner Whittaker said we would have to cut Staff. The Commission is aware of the impact if the Levy fails. Money was wasted last year. Commissioner Whittaker stated that EMS needs to be supported, needs the support of the tax dollars, it is not a self sustaining program.

Mrs. Hubbard feels that money was wasted on a new vehicle, a copier and unnecessary spending in 2005. Much discussion followed concerning the spending of tax dollars for 2005.

Commissioner Whittaker will talk with Chief Prater to see where we are with the Committee for the EMS Levy.

Dunjic moved and Whittaker seconded to pay the vouchers for March.  
Unanimously carried.

Dunjic moved and Mike seconded to approve the Payroll for February.  
Unanimously carried.

8:45pm an Executive Session was called for Personnel reasons.

9:10pm the regular meeting was called back to order with no action taken from Executive session.

Dunjic moved and Whittaker seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:10pm.  
Unanimously carried.

Next meeting 11 May 2006 @7PM.

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