

## FEBRUARY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

02/08/2025

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.

In attendance were Commissioner Slawson, Commissioner Nielsen, Commissioner Thurman (by Zoom), Chief Gray (by Zoom), and Secretary Bonn. Also in attendance were Daniel Rike, Greg Bonn, Alice Moyal, Nate Moyal, and Don Stark (by Zoom).

Commissioner Nielsen requested that comments be added to the January meeting minutes regarding how we will meet WAC requirements with the new training plan.

Commissioner Nielsen made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of 01/11/2025 as amended. It was seconded by Commissioner Thurman and unanimously approved.

Boat Presentation – a presentation including photos and slides was provided by Chief Gray with additional comments provided by Greg Bonn & Dan Rike since they were present during the initial boat inspection. The presentation included a 4-phase plan to get the boat in full operating order, with the understanding that the boat would be operational for our 2 primary needs, after the 1<sup>st</sup> phase is complete. Our 2 primary needs were reported as patient access and fire suppression on the boat-in divisions that have no road access.

- Commissioner Thurman made a motion to get the boat and 2 outboards, that were offered at no charge, from the DNR to be brought up to Snohomish County (to be stored at the Tulalip Fire maintenance yard), to allow time to evaluate what repairs will be necessary and to explore options to finance any necessary boat repairs. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Slawson. Discussion ensued which included the Commissioner's, Don Stark, who is an island owner in a boat-in only division, and Alice Moyal who is an island owner that is also a firefighter in the department. Both Don Stark and Alice Moyal were in support of the acquisition of the boat. Concerns that were addressed by the Commissioner's included the fact that finding funds may prove problematic and the budget will not allow for the expenses that this project could accrue. The funding will need to come from donations and grants. The other consideration is that there is a low initial financial risk since the boat can be returned to the DNR within 12 months if the project appears to be too costly. The Commissioner's agreed that if no money is found for this project, it must be returned to the DNR. A roll call vote ensued with Commissioner Thurman voting Aye, Commissioner Nielsen voting Nay, and Commissioner Slawson voting Aye. The motion passed.

## Finance Report:

SNOHOMISH COUNTY FPD #27  
Gedney (Hat) Island \* 206-444-6886  
PO Box 1846 \* Everett, WA 98206

We, the undersigned member of the Board of Commissioners of Snohomish County FPD #27 do hereby certify that the merchandise/services specified have been received and that Vouchers # 2025-018 thru # 2025-033 listed as follows are approved for payment in the total amount of \$ 44,622.94. - This 08th of February, 2025

Steve Slawson  
Commissioner

Steve Nielsen  
Commissioner

Chuck Thurman  
Commissioner

| Voucher No. | Vendor                   | Purpose                       | Amount       |
|-------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| 2025-018    | GRAY, JOHN L             | JANUARY CHIEF STIPEND         | \$ 508.00    |
| 2025-019    | SLAWSON, STEVEN          | JANUARY COMMISSIONER STIPEND  | \$ 181.00    |
| 2025-020    | INNOVATE FINANCE         | OFFICE RENTALS BILLING        | \$ 104.90    |
| 2025-021    | RICHARD BENNETT          | PARTY AND LUNCH FOR 127 & 127 | \$ 431.62    |
| 2025-022    | MARYSVILLE AWARDS        | AWARDS & PLACQUES FROM 1/2025 | \$ 1,128.56  |
| 2025-023    | SMOULY PLOD              | JANUARY ELECTRIC BILL         | \$ 213.99    |
| 2025-024    | MARYSVILLE AWARDS        | AWARDS & PLACQUES FROM 1/2024 | \$ 942.31    |
| 2025-025    | HAT ISLAND COMMUNITY REC | 2024 4TH QTR WATER            | \$ 100.00    |
| 2025-026    | SNOHOMISH COUNTY #31     | JANUARY DISPATCH SERVICES     | \$ 2,69.69   |
| 2025-027    | STIMPER SALES            | NEW COPI                      | \$ 482.89.70 |
| 2025-028    | DIANNA BORN              | OFFICE SUPPLIES               | \$ 69.22     |
| 2025-029    | SNOHOMISH COUNTY #31     | FEBRUARY DISPATCH SERVICES    | \$ 208.64    |
| 2025-030    | HAT ISLAND TELEPHONE     | FEBRUARY TELEPHONE SERVICE    | \$ 194.58    |
| 2025-031    | DIANNA BORN              | SECRETARY SERVICES            | \$ 193.75    |
| 2025-032    | HAT ISLAND COMMUNITY REC | 2025 1ST QTR WATER            | \$ 700.00    |
| 2025-033    | SLAWSON, STEVEN          | TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT          | \$ 249.18    |

- The finance report was limited as the January month end report was not yet available.
- 16 vouchers were presented, numbered from 2025-018 through 2025-033 for a total of \$44622.94.

Commissioner Nielsen made a motion to accept the financial report. It was seconded by Commissioner Thurman and unanimously approved

## Chiefs Report:

Update Letter and Chief's Report to the Fire Commissioners

February 4, 2025

From: John Gray, Fire Chief

2024 Awards. These were announced at the January Drill. Plaques and trophies are ordered for:

- Anisa Daher, Safest Firefighter of the Year (voted)
- Steve "Spark-E" Slawson, First Responder Of The Year (most calls, most training)



- Laurie Gray, Auxiliary Team Member Of The Year (voted)
- Mark Fulton, Chief's Award For Leadership and Training

Special Commendations to Spark-E Slawson and Greg Bonn for their efforts at a Mayday call on the water that very likely saved the life of a boater. The debrief of the call was distributed to everyone.

Nominations for Assistant Chief. This process has started over. I have hopes that the Department will continue on the path we started together to improve. An Assistant Chief is an important part of this. Please send me your new nominations by text, email or talk to me. Otherwise, I may be talking to you.

Thank you to Steve "Spark-E" Slawson for finishing the power lift cot project with the delivery of the gurney to the island. You may remember that this started as a theme from Mike McCarthy, the Island Manager and EMT who passed away after a brief illness. Phil Spagnoli and others picked up his theme and started the One-Club Tournament to start the fund raising. Finally, it was this group of Fire Commissioners who had the courage to use a small portion of the savings account plus the donations to fund this cot.

Thank you to Dan McCambridge for building the beautiful wood shelving unit that contains that battery banks for recharging the portable radios, but also the wireless headsets and the new rechargeable flashlights.

I am pleased to pass on that Karl Bangerter and Spark-E Slawson were again rehired for this year. As retirees, they apply to be rehired every year. Both the Fire Chief and the Chair of the Commission need to approve. Karl and Spark-E are the only retirees that have been approved to be rehired to date. These were easy decisions to make because of the positive, helpful attitude and they model our values: Service, Teamwork, Compassion, Respect, Safety, Duty and Perfect Effort.

Fire Ratings Assessment. The on-site assessment by the Washington State Ratings Board is scheduled for April 8. I have spent much time preparing for this by creating documents and sending them in advance of the assessment.

Thank you to Alice Moyal, Kim Gleason, Greg Bonn and those who helped them, with the inventories of several engines. Can anyone do Tender 27 and Engine 27B before the March Drill?

The 2024 Annual Report was finished and distributed to everyone by email. This is the second annual report since 1978. This is a report to the taxpayers of the District.

Utility Boat.

Much time has been spent on a last minute and unplanned opportunity that came to us about two weeks ago: A 30 foot long welded aluminum boat that was used at the Bangor Naval Base as a utility boat and is free to the Fire District. Thank You to Dan Rike, Greg Bonn, and Spark-E Slawson for assessing the boat with me at Joint Base Lewis McCord. A lot of initial research has been done including repair costs, equipment costs, insurance, training needed, logistics and much more. The idea, if the Commissioners accept, is to fund as much as possible from grants, sponsorships, volunteer labor, and donations with a lot of visible gratitude. All of this is being presented to the Fire Commissioners by Zoom and in person at their February 8 meeting at 1500 hours. You are welcome to attend and are urged to get involved.

#### EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES UPDATE:

- New Bunker Gear. If you have not been measured by Ed Jirsa, the sales representative from Sea Western in Kirkland, he will be coming to our March drill. If you are not coming to this drill, please make an appointment with Ed at SeaWestern's store in Kirkland.
- SCBA Project. Thank you to Karl Bangerter for continuing to do the heavy lifting on this big and important project. An idea that is being pursued is to send the Scott tanks to a vendor in Colorado who can re-certify them for several years. We have Scott packs, though they are worn and donated from other departments. We want to evaluate all of these packs and discard the ones that are problematic. Finally, perhaps buy Scott masks for all the Fire Fighters; these may be reconditioned ones from the same vendor. The Fire Commissioners will be making the final budget decision.

A few reminders, The Policy, Plan and Procedure notebook has all the current documents. This is worthwhile reading about what and how we do things. The notebook with your time and training records has been modified. Look at it for the new location of your files. Your name has an identifying letter that is found on the cover of the notebook. Behind your tab is the new forms to list activities and your training checklist for this year. Please use this tool to track your training. The new vehicle readiness checklists are on the clipboards near each vehicle. There is also a new "Station Readiness" checklist. All first responders should do a checklist for each vehicle and the station this year. Meaning, you have 12 training drills to do 8 checklists. However, you are invited and encouraged to do a readiness check on any vehicle at any time and take credit for this.

Finally, Laurie and I (and Ticket) are off the island to about March 6 and are available electronically nearly all the time. Yes, I am still working about 15 hours a week for the Fire



District from my trailer at some very scenic place in the southwest. So, do not hesitate to contact me.

Old Business:

None noted

New Business:

- Aid car cot update- The new cot was delivered to the Fire Station along with a Stryker representative that helped Steve "Spark\_E" Slawson get the cot adjusted to our aid car. Training has been completed on the new cot during the monthly training drill.
- Credit Card- Secretary Bonn has spoken with the State Auditor who stated that a debit card would not be a viable option. They then discussed the complexity of credit card usage for some department purchases. The Auditor explained that if a credit card were to be used, some changes to the Commissioner meetings would be necessary to avoid any interest or late fees on a credit card. Secretary Bonn to check with some local banks/credit unions to find out what the grace period is for payment without interest.
- Petty cash fund and/or credit card will be further discussed at the March or April meeting.
- Commissioner Thurman moved to extend the meeting beyond the agreed upon 2 hour window. It was seconded by Commissioner Nielsen and approved unanimously.
- Website- will be discussed at March Commissioner meeting.
- Commissioner Nielsen recommends that we should send 10 MSA bottles to Dalmation Fire Equipment for recertification. This will be discussed at the March Commissioner meeting.
- Commissioner Slawson recently discovered that the department has not been in compliance with Snohomish County EMS policies. To meet compliance, an iPad in a case will need to be purchased so that MRF forms can be sent electronically to Snohomish County EMS. The recommendation is for a 10" iPad and case. Steve Slawson will make the purchase, set it up, and organize training for the user.
- Commissioner Nielsen made a motion to authorize the department to spend up to \$1200 on the iPad and necessary accessories. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Slawson and approved unanimously.
- Secretary Bonn will call BVFF to inquire when Rick Bennett is eligible for rehire.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Commissioner Slawson. It was seconded by Commissioner Thurman and approved unanimously.

The meeting was closed at 5:24 pm

No executive session

No pension meeting