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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

April 4th, 2023

The East Grays Harbor Fire and Rescue Board of Commissioners met at Station 5-5, located at 112 N. 2nd Street, Elma, WA 98541, for the regular monthly business meeting at 7:00 p.m. on April 4th, 2023, and on Microsoft Teams.

1. <u>Call to Order:</u>

Called to order at 7:00pm p.m. by Commissioner Hauge.

2. <u>Pledge of Allegiance:</u>

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3. Mission Statement:

Mission Statement.

4. Roll Call:

Commissioner Reinhart, Commissioner Krouse, Commissioner Hauge, Commissioner Patton, Commissioner Borden, Chief Fulbright & Secretary Alison Sinclair.

5. Approval of the Agenda:

Commissioner Reinhart made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Patton. Motion carried.

6. Approval of the Minutes:

Commissioner Patton motioned to approve the March 7th, 2023, regular meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Borden, Motion carried.

Commissioner Reinhart motioned to approve the March 13th, 2023, special meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Krouse. Motion carried.

Commissioner Borden motioned to approve the March 23rd, 2023, special meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Krouse. Motion carried.

Commissioner Borden motioned to approve the March 31st, 2023, special meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Reinhart. Motion carried.

7. <u>Awards/Appreciation/Retirement/Promotion:</u>

Firefighter/Paramedic Kaila Bentow was sworn in as Captain.

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8. Financial:

a. Approval of Expenses

(1) 2nd Batch for March 2023

- a. Commissioner Borden made a motion to approve General transactions 276 to 289, seconded by Commissioner Reinhart. Motion carried.
- b. Commissioner Borden made a motion to approve EMS transactions 290 to 293, seconded by Commissioner Krouse. Motion carried.

(2) 1st Batch for April 2023

- a. Commissioner Borden made a motion to approve payroll transactions 353 to 356, seconded by Commissioner Reinhart. Motion carried.
- b. Commissioner Reinhart made a motion to approve EMS transactions 331 to 338, seconded by Commissioner Borden. Motion carried.
- c. Commissioner Borden made a motion to approve General warrants 339 to 352, seconded by Commissioner Krouse. Motion carried.

b. Review of March Draw and Payroll:

No action required and no discussion.

c. Approval of April Draw and Payroll:

Commissioner Reinhart made a motion to approve March Draw and Payroll, seconded by Commissioner Patton. Motion carried.

d. Review of month-end reports:

No action required and no discussion.

9. Communications:

None

10. Chief's Report:

See attached copy of Chief's report.

11. Old Business:

a. Tender 5-21 – Covered in Chief's report

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- b. Lexipol No update.
- c. Apparatus payoff- Chief reported that the payoff amounts of the Rosenbauer trucks are much greater than expected due to additional fees from the State Treasurers. The Chief recommended not paying off the loans.
 Discussion was had regarding options for payoffs and investments.
 The Board gave a directive to the Chief to move \$750,000 into investment.

12. New Business:

a. Prothman- The Fire Chief's position has been posted in many locations online. The application deadline is 05/07/23.

13. Public Comment:

None

14. <u>Commissioner Comments:</u>

- a. Commissioner Hauge No comment.
- b. Commissioner Patton- Congratulations to Captain Bentow. Thank you to the volunteers.
- c. Commissioner Krouse No comment
- d. Commissioner Borden- Well deserved Captain Bentow, Congrats.
- e. Commissioner Reinhart Congratulations, Captain Bentow.

15. Meeting of Local Board of Volunteer Firefighter's Council

No business

16. Executive Session:

The Commissioners went into executive session per RCW 42.30.140(4) at 7:53pm for 20 minutes. At 8:13pm Commissioner Hauge returned and extended the executive session for an additional 15 minutes. Regular meeting resumed at 8:30pm.

Discussion on employee matters and the emergent hire of position 11 due to staffing shortages. Commissioner Borden made a motion to approve the hiring of position 11. Seconded by Commissioner Krouse. Motion carried.

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17. <u>Adjournment:</u> - Motion to adjourn at 8:41pm by Commissioner Reinhart, seconded by Commissioner Borden. Motion carried.

Approved this May 2^{nd} , 2023.

Dave Hauge, Chairman

Eric Patton, Commissioner

Robert Krouse, Commissioner

John Reinhart, Commissioner

Jacob Borden, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Alison Sinclair
District Secretary

5-2-23