

*For approval May 25, 2021*

**MOUNTAIN VIEW FIRE AND RESCUE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
MAY 11, 2021**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Commissioner Farrell called the regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 6:30pm.

**PRESENT FROM MVFR**

Commissioner Jim Farrell  
Commissioner Cathie McKinney  
Commissioner Scott Currie  
Commissioner Joanne Seng  
Deputy Chief Dawn Judkins  
Chief Greg Smith

Union Rep: Dustin Trout

*This meeting was held online via Zoom due to the Coronavirus Governor action related to OPMA.*

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**It was moved by Commissioner Seng and seconded by Commissioner Currie to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**It was moved by Commissioner Currie and seconded by Commissioner McKinney to approve the consent agenda, which included the minutes of the April 27, 2021 regular meeting of the Board and the first half of May vouchers. Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- A. Dan Jackson—"Thank you to the Department for the hard work and service regarding the Green Valley fire."
- B. Commissioners reiterated their thanks as well.

**UNION COMMENT** | Dustin Trout, Union President

Questions and concerns from the Union:

- A. There continue to be concerns regarding staffing levels. The Union feels the Department needs to hire now to avoid being "reactionary." As of now there are lots of overtime and mandatory hours.

- B. There are rumors swirling that concern “individuals coming from Liberia and being stationed around MVFR” and the Union feels they have not been consulted or been asked to provide input.

**DEPUTY CHIEF’S REPORT:**

- The Captain’s Tactical Test has happened in the last couple weeks and five candidates will move forward in the process in the coming months.
- A number of individuals have passed the JATC test. This happens about every 6 months and the Department’s firefighters are doing well.
- MVFR has 11 recruits in the Volunteer academy. Some have dropped as other departments are actively hiring in the area. Final testing for the volunteers will happen in July, after graduation in the first week of June.

**FINANCE REPORT :**

May Expenses:

Payroll	\$212,505
Vouchers	\$46,261
Total for the Month	\$258,766

- A. High payroll due to providing vaccinations and the Green Valley fire (paying out overtime, etc. for the 50 – 80 people working every day at the site).
- B. Expenditures include but were not limited to Aladtech, Supplemental Life Insurance, tree falling clean up, IT, legal, testing and repairing PPE, fuel, etc. (several larger sums are due to Green Valley fire staffing).

Itemized	\$73,899
Utility and Ongoing	\$4,898
Total	\$78,757
Remaining	\$963

*Department Credit Card: \$6,811 (include close to \$5k in food for staff during the Green Valley Fire)*

- C. May Expense Account = \$2,179,894.45
  - a. Five Month Float = \$1,120,968.22

**CHIEF’S REPORT**

- A. Commissioner Farrell will review and sign finance reports as per recommendation of state audits.
- B. April 27 – May 10:
  - a. Total Incidents: 89
    - i. Black Diamond = 7
    - ii. Puget Sound Fire = 2
    - iii. Enumclaw = 1
  - b. EMS calls: 64 (72% of all calls)
  - c. Average calls per day: 6.36 / per day (relatively high compared to previous months and year over year)
- C. The new fire apparatus is still in queue for engineering review

- D. The Fire Garage Study is under way.
- E. Chief has been attending Black Diamond City Council meetings and giving reports via Zoom
- F. Engine 98 Replacement
  - a. Two career firefighters are conducting a final inspection. The apparatus should be shipped by May 28<sup>th</sup> then brought to Tacoma. The Department is expecting this rig to be delivered sometime in June to Station 95, then it'll head to the radio shop. It's anticipated that the new apparatus will be in full service by the Fall (but can still be utilized in the Labor Day Parade).
- G. Black Diamond (new) Fire Station 99
  - a. There's been no ground breaking date set and no plans sent to the Department for review. The previously anticipated Spring ground breaking ceremony is not likely at this point.
- H. Liberian National Fire Service and Mountain View Fire and Rescue Partnership
  - a. Some firefighters from LNFS are going to go through our volunteer academy, these personnel will be assigned as volunteer firefighters just as any regular person would be. This is proceeding as previously planned and approved by the Board.
- I. Zone 3 Confined Space Rescue Training has been going on all week at the training prop at Station 95. MVFR does not currently have certified confined rescue personnel and has no plans to become part of the zone team for now.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Black Diamond ILA for Service:
  - a. There's a meeting scheduled between Chief Smith, legal, and a rep from Black Diamond set for the middle of May. This will include a first look at Black Diamond's version of a possible agreement.
- B. VHF System—Portable radios should be in by October. Commissioner Currie and Deputy Chief are meeting to discuss installation and placement of radios in the stations.
- C. IT—Continuing to research Office365 options. Deputy Chief Judkins is pushing to put something into action sooner rather than later. The District is waiting for exact numbers prior to proceeding with the move.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Chief Smith—Review of transfer of funds, state loan payment.
  - a. Moving forward with the transfer of funds. Chief recommends an M&O levy as opposed to a loan in the future.
- B. MVFR needs to hire four new firefighters as 2-3 are expected to retire soon. New hires were not budgeted for this year. These hires will be probationary firefighters (the lowest cost available) and cost \$487,000 over the course of 12-months.
  - a. Chief suggests we put new recruits in the academy in August so that they'll start early next year.
  - b. It was moved by Commissioner Mckinney and seconded by Commissioner Seng to hire up to four new firefighters before August. Motion carries unanimously.**
  - c. This will be publicly announced tomorrow.
- C. Fireworks ban—Chief Smith reviewed the fireworks policies within unincorporated King County, Muckleshoot reservation, and Black Diamond. In regard to 2022 law, Chief Smith is concerned that the County may want to involve the District in enforcing the fireworks ban, however the

RCW and WAC are clear that the Fire Department has no enforcement powers and is concerned that 911 dispatch will need to have a clear understanding of who to report illegal fireworks reports to (not Mountain View Fire).

**COMMISSIONERS REPORT**

- A. Commissioner Seng shared a note from Deputy Chief Judkin's about firefighter Andrew Irvine, who has gone above and beyond in the service of the District.
- B. Commissioner Gentry recognized the loss of a gentleman at Valley Con, known around the district, due to COVID.

**BOARD MEETING ADJOURN**

**It was moved by Commissioner Gentry and seconded by Commissioner McKinney to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried at 7:42pm.**

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Joanne Seng (Position #1)

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Cathie Valentine-McKinney (Position #2)

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Scott Currie (Position #3)

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James Farrell, Chair (Position #4)

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Don Gentry (Position #5)

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Mackenzie Helgerson, Board Secretary