

*For approval August 24, 2021*

**MOUNTAIN VIEW FIRE AND RESCUE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
August 10, 2021**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

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

**PRESENT FROM MVFR**

Commissioner Scott Currie  
Commissioner Jim Farrell  
Commissioner Joanne Seng  
Commissioner Don Gentry  
Deputy Chief Dawn Judkins  
Chief Greg Smith  
Union President Dustin Trout

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**It was moved by Commissioner Seng and seconded by Commissioner Gentry to approve the consent agenda, which included the minutes of the July 13<sup>th</sup> and July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 regular meeting of the Board and the first half of August vouchers. Motion carried.**

[ Commissioners recognize members of the Department with years of distinguished service awards]

**ACCOUNT BALANCE REPORT**

- Meeting on August 16<sup>th</sup> for Budget Reconciliation at Station 96

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

N/A

**UNION COMMENT**

- Union wants to congratulate and thank the individuals who were recognized with their years of service awards and thank them for their hard work and dedication.

**DEPUTY CHIEF’S REPORT:**

- A. Five new firefighters are currently in week 2. They are training with both MVFR and King County District 20. They start at the academy on August 30<sup>th</sup>.
- B. The final portion of the Captain’s test is occurring in September. There are currently five who are eligible. The Lieutenant’s test will be announced shortly after that and 6-8 are eligible. Three Captains are retiring soon.
- C. Issue’s surrounding new laws about police presence on EMS calls continue to raise a concern. Deputy Chief Judkins is working with surrounding districts and the county to establish a proper procedure to keep members of the Department safe.
- D. COVID changes protocol changes will be out soon. The State will be mandating EMTs to be vaccinated and this could pose a problem for the District as all firefighters will need to carry a vaccination card.

**FINANCE REPORT :**

1<sup>st</sup> Half of August Expenses

Payroll	\$184,293
Vouchers	\$66,585
Total for the Month	\$250,878

In the next couple of months, expenditures will increase due to the new hires.

- A. Expenditures include but were not limited to Firefighter PPE, IT equipment, legal, office supplies, and cleaning supplies.

Itemized	\$125,646
Utility and Ongoing	\$3,918
Total	\$129,564
Remaining (<\$500 expenses	\$2,507 / \$6,907 US Bank Credit Card

- B. Expense Account (first half of August) = \$1,154,659.82
  - a. Five Month Float = \$1,169,251.56
  - b. Excess Revenue = \$513,254.73

**CHIEF’S REPORT**

- A. July 27 – August 9, 2021:
  - a. Total Incidents: 106
    - i. Black Diamond = 11
    - ii. Puget Sound Fire = 6
    - iii. Enumclaw = 3
  - b. EMS calls: 71 (67% of all calls)
  - c. Average calls per day: 7.5 (this is up from the average number of calls per day over the last four years)
- B. Strong turnout for National Night Out, with the District visiting several places in Black Diamond as well as District neighborhoods.
- C. COVID trends: Coming into the summer, cases in King County were decreasing whereas these last couple of weeks cases have been trending upward. The Department is taking extra precautions to

make sure that firefighters don't get exposed and have to quarantine, as what happened last winter, this causes excess overtime for a small number of firefighters and stretches the Department thin.

- D. Engine 98 replacement is at Station 95 and the mechanics are taking a look and it's being outfitted
- E. New Black Diamond station 99 at SEPA Review

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Black Diamond ILA for Service: There will be another meeting between Chief Smith, MVFR legal counsel and Black Diamond's legal counsel this Thursday. The current issue centers around the Fire Marshall but that's not something that will keep the contract from moving forward.
- B. IT/VHF: There are some challenges regarding station alerting but they are working on solutions and will have it fixed soon. There will be another meeting soon and an update will come at the next meeting.
- C. New Firefighter hires: Five new hires are in week 2, the District is balancing the anticipated retirement of a handful of firefighters but it takes up to a year for new hires to be fully trained. The District is currently doing their best to balance this and will be "squeezed" slightly for a bit.
- D. 2021 Budget Adjustment: Meeting will be held on August 16<sup>th</sup> at Station 96
- E. Board Secretary: Commissioner Farrell may have found someone to apply to the position.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Request for leave of absence: No response yet from legal but there should be something soon for this policy to be made clear
- B. Governor's Report: Brian Snure (lawyer) gave his legal opinion as to what the Governor has announced in regard to state medical employees. Legal has advised that EMTs are Washington State healthcare providers and therefore must be vaccinated in accordance with the Governor's announcement. All of the District's firefighters are required to be EMTs. This means that all firefighters in the district, including volunteers, will have to be vaccinated by October 16<sup>th</sup>.
  - a. Commissioners agree that the District will be required to follow the mandate. The mandate as it stands says that firefighters will need to be vaccinated or lose their EMT status. They agree that there needs to be a stated policy of the Board of Commissioners to enforce the Governor's mandate established August 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. It was moved by Commissioner Seng and seconded by Commissioner Currie to follow the state mandated policy that state employed healthcare workers must be vaccinated by October 16<sup>th</sup>. Motion passes unanimously.**

*The Board of Commissioners Entered Closed Session. No decisions were made.*

#### **COMMISSIONERS REPORT**

- A. Commissioner McKinney and the rest of the Board extend their thanks to Chief Smith, Deputy Chief Judkins, and the Union for rolling with the punches of "pandemic, then not a pandemic, then back to pandemic."
- B. Commissioner Farrell and the rest of the Board extend their thanks to the crew who came for Night Out. There were several positive responses from the public.

**BOARD MEETING ADJOURN**

**It was moved by Commissioner McKinney and seconded by Commissioner Seng to adjourn the meeting.  
Motion carried at 8:04pm.**

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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