



Clark County Fire District 6

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MINUTES

Clark County Fire District 6 Commissioners Meeting
Regular Meeting
Station 61, 7:30 p.m.
May 19, 2015

Members present: Chairman Lothspeich, Commissioner Bloemke, Commissioner Collins

Meeting called to order. Commissioner Collins led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

Under Old Business, the sale of a surplus LifePak 12 will be added.

The Board seconded and unanimously passed a motion approving the May 5, 2015 regular meeting minutes and to have them posted for public view and on the website.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Safety: Chief Taylor provided the Board with the Health and Safety Committee activities. Six injuries, all non-time loss incidents, were reported as was a backing department vehicle incident which resulted in damages approaching \$5,000. This was reported to the insurance carrier. The incident is believed to have been preventable had department procedures been followed. As yet, no corrective action has been imposed.

Radon gas samplings were taken at Station 61, 62 and 63 with all results ranging from 0.6 to 0.8, being far below the 4.0 level requiring any action. Testing will be done at Station 151.

Noise limit testing is being scheduled for all stations.

Parade: District 6 apparatus participated in the annual Hazel Dell Parade of Bands.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Board seconded and unanimously passed a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda.

1. May Payroll Report:
Fire Fund 6212

EMS FUND 6242

Salaries/Out of Class	\$357,599	Salaries/Out of Class	\$147,534
Volunteer Reimb.	\$0		
Vacation Buy Back	\$4,155	Vacation Buy Back	\$0
O.T./FLSA	\$45,125	O.T./FLSA	\$13,465
Deferred Comp.	\$10,475	Deferred Comp.	\$4,000
Total	\$417,354	Total	\$164,999

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Benefits:

Retirement	\$30,049
FICA/Medicare	\$15,947
Medical/Dental Ins.	\$98,313
Long Term Dis. Ins.	\$791
Deferred Comp	\$14,475

2. Financial Report: (5/11/15 balance)

	<u>Cash</u>	<u>Invested</u>
Fire 6212	\$758	\$7,238,986
EMS 6242	\$968	\$3,725,519
Reserve Fund 6257	\$0	\$159,963
Capital Reserve 6258	\$0	\$92,668

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Green provided the Board with the April 2015 Response Report for Station 151. Four Fire District 6 fire incidents were reported, with one response made from Station 151. Seven of 24 EMS calls received a Station 151 response. There were eight calls to the Clark County Fire & Rescue response zone without any Station 151 response.

The Board reported its request to have a joint meeting with the Clark County Fire & Rescue Board so this is tentatively scheduled for January 2016.

Overtime for April was \$80,759, an increase of \$15,833 over that of March. Average overtime for 2015 was \$68,150, versus the 2014 overtime average of \$63,232.

OLD BUSINESS:

One bid was received to purchase the Skid Mount Pump unit the Board had declared surplus. The bid of Pend Oreille County Fire District #2 of \$7,250, plus tax, was accepted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Safety Committee Minutes from Station 61 crews expressed concern over diesel exhaust fumes since some apparatus positions were changed in the engine bay. A number of years ago, the District purchased Ward NO-SMOKE exhaust units to equip five pieces of apparatus and it was the Board's intention to equip similar devices on future diesel apparatus.

Staff is now requesting authorization to acquire additional units to outfit apparatus in need of NO-SMOKE devices. Apparatus scheduled for early replacement would not be outfitted. Following discussion, the Board seconded and unanimously passed a motion to authorize the purchase of four NO-SMOKE devices to be installed on E65, E66, rehab bus and the air unit.

A LifePak12 unit, ID tag #2082, has been in service since 12/7/2005 and is in need of replacement. Staff recommends the unit be declared surplus and be sold.

The Board seconded and unanimously passed a motion declaring LifePak12, tag #2082, as surplus and authorized its sale. Life Med, Inc. had purchased a similar unit from District 6 in April of this year and has offered to purchase tag #2082 for the same price of \$5,500 plus sales tax. The Board seconded and unanimously passed a motion to accept the offer.

OLD BUSINESS:

Returning to Old Business, the Board re-addressed the possibility of placing a lid lift measure on the fall election ballot.

As previously noted, the \$1.50 per \$1,000 levy rate, last voted upon in 1995, has declined to \$1.26718 in 2015, will be approximately \$1.18103 in 2017, and will reach \$1.10723 in 2019.

Without a lid lift, expenses will exceed tax revenue by \$1.07 million in 2017 and the District would have to borrow funds in order to operate until the first half taxes are received in 2018.

These figures do not include the fact that the current EMS special levy will expire on December 31, 2016 and a renewal levy proposal will have to be placed before the voters during 2016.

A recent survey done on the fire department programs of District 6 by the Washington Survey and Rating Bureau, has pointed out deficiencies which need to be addressed.

Among these deficiencies are the need for additional staffing, aging equipment, training facilities and an F grade to fire safety control – which is supposed to be provided by Clark County through the County Fire Marshal's Office.

The need to restore the tax levy to \$1.50 per \$1,000 is apparent and staff is recommending a measure be placed before the voters in the fall general election.

The measure would stress the need for staffing, training and rebuilding Station 63 which is no longer adequate to accommodate staff and equipment to service its response area.

IAFF Local 1805 President Reese indicated his local is aware of staff's recommendations for a lid lift and they have thus far taken no position on the issue.

Timing is short before the election and the Board felt that with change in election process (i.e., vote by mail and media communication) that the assistance of a consultant would be helpful in informing the electorate of the District's need.

The Board seconded and unanimously passed a motion to place a lid lift measure on the fall election ballot.

Chief Green was directed to solicit proposals from consultant firms as to their interest in assisting the District in informing the public.

The Board discussed the poor rating received from the Rating Bureau under Fire Safety Control. A letter to the Board of County Councilors, advising them of the major deficiencies that have resulted through the County's failure to address their legally mandated requirement to provide fire inspections, was considered. It was thought more weight could be made to the letter if it were submitted by the Clark County Fire Commissioners Association. This will be brought to the Fire Commissioner's Association.

The District 6 Board is prepared to send its letter to the county councilors, following discussion with the County Fire Marshal.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ROUND TABLE:

District 6 is no longer contracted with the Amphitheater to provide special EMS coverage for their productions. AMR now has that contract. The first major concert is scheduled for May 22, 2015. Chief Green will monitor the impact the change of contract will have on District 6 responses to Amphitheater events.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Commissioner Collins noted he was the only person filing for the six year Fire Commissioner term for District 6. While his name will appear on the ballot, his re-election is incurred. He offered his appreciation for the support that he has received from the community.

The Board seconded and unanimously passed a motion authorizing the issuance of May payroll warrants for the County Treasurer.

The Board seconded and unanimously passed a motion authorizing May issuance of payroll direct deposits for the County Treasurer.

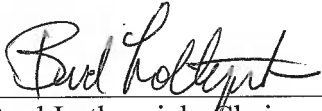
The Board seconded and unanimously passed a motion to authorize the May issuance of FICA/Medicare withholdings for the County Treasurer.

The Board seconded and unanimously passed a motion authorizing payment of current bills in the amounts of:


Fund 6212	\$254,812.56
Fund 6242	\$69,579.97

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Brad Lothspeich, Chairman



Richard T. Streissguth, Board Secretary