

**GRAHAM FIRE & RESCUE
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
November 21, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Pierson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Present: Present: Commissioner Verne M. Pierson, Commissioner Gerald W. Gustafson, Commissioner Robert E. Skaggs, Fire Chief Reggie Romines, Deputy Chief Gary Franz, Assistant Chief Tony Judd, Assistant Chief Ryan Baskett and District Secretary Kathy Hale.

Absent: Public Prevention Education Officer Myra Merdian-Drake and Assistant Chief Oscar Espinosa had excused absences.

Commissioner Pierson explained the purpose of this Special Meeting was to discuss regular business of the District.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of November 12, 2007, were approved as presented.

The minutes of the Special Board Meeting of November 13, 2007, were approved as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Thank you letter from Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One for Assistant Chief Judd serving as an assessor in their testing process.

FINANCIALS:

Vouchers #11088 through #11131, 11170 through 11249 in the amount of \$368,853.72, Account Transfers in the amount of \$522,105.02 for a total of \$890,958.74 of which \$693,888.02 was for Payroll and \$197,070.72 was for Payables were presented for approval.

Commissioner Gustafson moved to accept the payables in the amount of \$890,958.74 after proper auditing. Commissioner Skaggs seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION:

Chief's Report

Chief Romines informed the Board that the District will assist the Graham Sunrise Lions on November 25th to hang the holiday lights on the tree at Frontier Park. The ceremony will occur between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Station No. 21-0. There was nothing new to report.

Special Board Meeting. As a reminder, the Regular Board Meeting on December 24, 2007, has been cancelled and a Special Board Meeting will occur on December 20, 2007, at 6:00 p.m.

Training Report

Chief Romines presented the Training Report to the Board for their review.

Commissioner Skaggs voiced how very nice the recruit graduation ceremony was.

Chief Romines informed the Board that Deputy Chief Franz and Assistant Chief Baskettt will be attending the NIMS 400 class next Thursday and Friday. Also the Volunteer Recruit Academy is scheduled to start in January. The District has 13 people attending, the majority of whom will be new residents.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 684, Authorizing an Increase in Property Tax for 2008, was read into the record by District Secretary Hale.

Commissioner Skaggs moved to approve Resolution No. 684, Authorizing an Increase in Property Tax for 2008, as presented. Commissioner Gustafson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 685, Authorizing an Increase in EMS Property Tax for 2008, was read into the record by District Secretary Hale.

Commissioner Skaggs moved to approve Resolution No. 685, Authorizing an Increase in EMS Property Tax for 2008, as presented. Commissioner Gustafson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chief Romines asked the Board to approve the 2008 Budget as presented. He stated that all the corrections had been made as directed by the Board at the previous meeting.

Following a brief discussion, the Board decided to recess for ten minutes. The recess was announced at 6:17 p.m.

RECESS

Commissioner Pierson reconvened the Special Board Meeting at 6:27 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS (continued)

Resolution No. 686, Approval of the 2008 Budget, was read into the record by District Secretary Hale.

Commissioner Gustafson moved to approve Resolution No. 686, Approval of the 2008 Budget, as presented. Commissioner Skaggs seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

GOOD OF THE ORDER/PUBLIC INPUT

Chief Romines reported that there will be a fund raiser for a Central Pierce Fire Fighter, Keith Thomas, on December 7, 2007, at the Tacoma Fire Fighter Hall. All proceeds will go to Keith and his family.

Commissioner Skaggs stated for the record how much he appreciated working with such a professional staff. He also thanked the staff for working so hard this past year. Commissioners Pierson and Gustafson also stated their appreciation for the work staff put into preparing the budget and the running of the District this past year.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Pierson adjourned the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Verne M. Pierson, Chairman

Kathy J. Hale, District Secretary